

HEARST LIES About Life In The Soviet Union

By George H. Shoaf

Writer Who visited Same Regions As Hearst
Liars, Reveals the True Situation
In Soviet Union

Article No. 3

Conscious of the fact that capitalistic democracy has failed in America, and that our present social, political and economic system is faced with the necessity of undergoing drastic change, W. J. Hearst has precipitated himself into the situation determined, it is possible, to make America go right rather than left. Unscrupulous and audacious he is employing the full strength of his newspapers and magazines in a propaganda of falsehood and vilification. Both the Soviet Union and the American Communist Party are the targets of his attack.

AN EXAMPLE TO AMERICANS.

With the American ruling class he well knows that if the American working class were to learn of the accomplishments of the Russian working class, all hell would be unable to prevent the American working class from unhorsing the American capitalist class, and establishing in this country conditions similar to and comparable with those the workers have created in the Soviet Union.

To prevent the American workers from learning what the Russian workers are doing is a desire that has become an obsession with Hearst and his plutocratic associates. To keep the American workers from organizing under the auspices of the American Communist Party is another desire equally as great as that obsession.

At all costs, therefore, the marvellous progress of Socialist construction in the Soviet Union must be kept from American workers. At even greater cost the organization of the American workers by the Communists for the capture of political and economic power in the United States must be prevented.

To that end, Soviet conditions are being misrepresented and distorted by the Hearst press, and efforts are being made to out-law the Communist Party and Communist propaganda.

Writers hired for the purpose, therefore, are filling the columns of the Hearst newspaper with alleged starvation in the Land of the Soviets. Stories of religious persecution are also told in order to adversely influence readers religiously inclined. Much is made of the so-called dictatorship of the Proletariat, and the idea is conveyed that Joseph Stalin, as head of the Soviet Government, rules the people with a rod of iron. In short, Russia is depicted as a land of tyranny and starvation from which free and prosperous Americans must be saved.

If I had never gone to the Soviet Union, it is altogether likely that I would have been more or less unconsciously influenced by Hearst's lying propaganda. But I went and saw and learned the truth. And what I saw and learned diametrically contradicts the verbal inventions of such writers as R. H. Sanger, Harry Lane, "Believe It or Not" Ripley, and Will Durant who wrote for the Saturday Evening Post.

These writers did not go to the Soviet Union to ascertain the truth; they engaged their journalistic services deliberately to fabricate articles for a price they knew Hearst and George H. Lorimer would pay, and the price of their mendacity they now have safely in their pockets.

* Hearst's Inconsistent Lies.

At various times during the last several years, according to these writers, millions of persons have starved to death in the Ukraine in the lower Volga country and in the Don Cossack region. Robert Whitaker, California radical orator, who makes a specialty of figures and statistics, after compiling all the figures given by the Hearst writers, concludes that out of a total population of 170,000,000 the Soviet Union at the present time must have a population of less than 50,000,000. If the Hearst writers have told the truth, of course, the falsity of the Hearst figures is perfectly obvious.

* The Collective Farm

In his description of collective farms, Sanger selected one of several in which some difficulties had been encountered in getting the peasants to properly cooperate. I visited one of these backward farm cooperatives and could appreciate what was the matter. They were situated in regions where the Kulak influence still left its imprint. But these backward cooperatives are small and inconsequential affairs compared to the gigantic state farms involving the collective cultivation of hundreds of thousands of acres under one collective management.

Furthermore, what Sanger wrote applied to the situation when the farm cooperative movement was in its incipency. He describes conditions as they existed before the peasants learned how properly to cooperate and manage matters on a collectively owned farm. At that time the peasants actually were afraid to approach or touch a tractor. They had been taught by their priests to believe that modern machinery was the invention of the devil. They thought that if the soil was tilled by tools other than those used by farmers who lived in the time of Jesus Christ, those who used such tools surely would go to hell.

While the Russian peasants were ignorant and religious, they were not much more ignorant and religious than were the cotton and tobacco farmers in the Southern States in this country, before the Civil War. I remember that my Grandfather in South Texas refused to buy a McCormick reaper on the ground that it was a Northern invention; and as an un-reconstructed rebel he refused to buy anything that came from the North. The Old South took pride in the fact that it was not mechanically minded. Southerners, as a rule, looked upon Northern inventions as "gimmicks" unfit for Southern use. It was this failure to industrialize and mechanize that cost the South the Civil War, as indeed it kept the South so far in the rear of modern progress for so many years.

More quickly, however, than it (Continued on Page 4, Col. 3.)

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HARRY BRIDGES IS RECOVERING YOUTH DEMONSTRATIONS ON MAY 30

LUMBER STRIKE ENDANGERED BY SMALL "TRUCES"

FAKERS IN MANEUVER TO
SELL OUT STRIKE

BY INCHES

Red Scare Raised
FARMERS REFUSE TO BE
INCITED AGAINST
STRIKERS

SEATTLE, Wash., May 29.—

The proposal of the Aberdeen strike committee that a Joint Lumber Strike Committee be formed with delegates from every Northwest striking union local is gaining tremendous backing from the rank and file lumber strikers throughout the Northwest.

The need of rank and file control becomes evident as the reactionary union officials get their strike-breaking campaign under full swing. The fakers are attempting to sell out the strike a little at a time, using small "truces," shinglemill "agreements" and "compromises" to send the men back to work mill by mill.

The Olympia local of the Sawmill and Timber Workers' Union has elected a delegate to sit in on all Northwest Council sessions at Longview to check on the union's leadership and report on all "peace" and "compromise" agreements. The delegate also is instructed to promote a northwest district council with delegates from every craft in the industry.

* Strike Again.

250 men at the St. Helens, Ore., McMorack Lumber mill have struck again in protest at the sell-out order of their union officials that they go back to work. The officials had engineered a 50 an hour increase in pay as a compromise. Workers in the McMorack mills in Port Ludlow and Port Gamble threaten to strike again despite the orders of the union officials to abide by the "agreement."

Officials of the Seattle Executive Board of the lumber workers have put over sell-out agreements in (Continued on Page 4, Col. 6.)

Longshore Leader Receives Message From Tom Mooney

Will Live!



HARRY BRIDGES, militant rank and file leader, announced out of danger in latest reports.

I. L. A. CONCURS IN PAC. COAST MARITIME BODY

CONSTITUTION ACCEPTED
AND DELEGATES ARE
ELECTED

SAN FRANCISCO, May 28.—The San Francisco local of the International Longshoremen's Association, in membership meeting last night, voted concurring in the constitution of the newly formed Pacific Coast Maritime Federation and in such changes as were made by the recent Seattle convention.

Temporary delegates to the Federation were elected. They (Continued on Page 4, Col. 5.)

VANDELEUR'S REPRESENTATIVE IN AMADOR A NON-UNION MAN

Reports of Miner Delegates Reveal That
Funds Sent By S. F. Unions Through
Council Never Reached Strike

SAN FRANCISCO, May 28.—In a report made by longshoreman "Dutch" Dietrich to the membership meeting of the International Longshoremen's Association last night, it was revealed that Arthur Warren, alleged A. F. of L. representative, who has been present in Amador County as an agent of Edward Vandeleur, president of the Central Labor Council, is not even a member of any union.

* Stooled On Militants.

Dietrich, who had been making investigations of the Amador strike for the I. L. A., reported that in conversations with the Sheriff and the District Attorney of Amador County, he learned that Warren had been making a practice of pointing out militants in the union to authorities for persecution.

A delegation of three Jackson miners also reported on the strike and revealed that only \$800 (\$600 at one time and \$200 at another) had ever reached the miners in the shape of strike aid from outside unions. The I. L. A. had previously sent \$2400 through the Central Labor Council and it is known that the Teamsters Union (Continued on Page 4, Col. 6.)

NRA AND FARM MORTGAGE LAW HELD INVALID

SUPREME COURT DECISION

TO LEAD TO DRASTIC
WAGE CUTS

Court Unanimous

THOUSANDS OF FARMERS
LIABLE TO LOSE
THEIR FARMS

BULLETIN

SAN FRANCISCO, May 28.—Over 150 farmers in Northern California face loss of their farms as a result of the decision outlawing the Frazier-Lemke act.

This is only on suits now pending; thousands more face the loss of all their earthly goods in a deluge of expected foreclosures.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—In two unanimous decisions, the Supreme Court knocked all pretense of being liberal into a cocked hat by declaring unconstitutional the National Industrial Recovery Act and the Frazier-Lemke act, granting a five-year moratorium under certain conditions for payment of farm mortgages.

The decision outlawing the N. R. A. comes at a time when capitalists found the act was no longer increasing their profits at a fast enough rate. In the first year or so of its operation, by favoring monopolies and increasing prices, it boosted profits in many cases as high as 400 per cent while real wages remained the same or even declined.

* Lower Wages Soug'ht.

When it became evident that the NRA had outlived its usefulness in raising profits through increasing prices, it became an obstacle to capitalism because it made more difficult an outright direct attack on the wage and hour scale. Accordingly, the nine gray-beards in the Supreme Court who possess the power to out-law any law the bosses don't like decided that the NRA deprived persons of property without "due process of law" by creating min-

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Memorial Day To Be Anti-War Day In Youth Rallies

S. F. Labor Will Pay
Tribute to Mother
of Tom Mooney

Visit Cemetery

Mass Pilgrimage to
Grave Will Be
Held May 30

National Youth Day
Will See Mass
Turn Outs.

Radio Broadcasts

Youth Groups Join
In United Front
Demonstrations

TUNE IN, KGO

4:15 WEDNESDAY

SAN FRANCISCO, May 28.—Two speakers representing the Northern California congress of the American Youth Congress will speak over radio KGO and the National Broadcasting system, from 4:15 to 4:30 Wednesday afternoon, May 29, about the May 30 program of turning Memorial Day into antiwar day.

The speakers are the Rev. J. H. Strehler and Richard Criley of the U. C. League for Industrial Democracy.

The widest united front sponsorship in the history of the California Youth movement is backing the United Youth Day demonstration against War and Fascism, called throughout the state for May 30.

The American Youth Congress, representing in Southern California 215 youth organizations and in Northern California 49 youth organizations, is calling these demonstrations. Cooperating with the Youth Congress is the Pacific Coast Congress Against War.

In San Francisco, the Mooney Moulders' Defense Committee and the International Labor Defense, planning a pilgrimage to the grave of Mother Mooney, are also cooperating by scheduling their mobilization point for South Park at 11 a. m., and delaying the start of their caravan until the youth demonstration is completed.

LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, May 27.—The City Council today refused to grant a permit for a National Youth Day parade on May 30. The committee will again demand a permit tomorrow.

Plans for the parade call for mobilization at 2 p. m. at First and Spring streets and Pico and Broadway. From there the march will take place to Soldiers' Monument in Pershing Square where a mass meeting will be held.

Speakers include Matt Pelman, Young Communist League; Preston Stallinger, Young Men's Progressive League; Max Shear (Continued on Page 4, Col. 4.)

UNITED YOUTH DAY
ACTIVITIES

SAN FRANCISCO: Mass meeting and demonstration, South Park, Third st., near Brennan, 11 a. m. Outing, Paradise Cove, leaves Pier 14, 1:30. Tickets, 50 cents.

LOS ANGELES: Demonstration, Pershing Square, Noon. Mass meeting, 8 p. m., Mason Opera House.

OAKLAND: Mass meeting and demonstration, Jefferson Park, Tenth and Grove sts., Noon. Embark for outing foot of Broadway, 1:45.

SAN JOSE: Mass meeting, Centella M. E. Church, Second and Reed streets, 8 p. m. All above actions under auspices of American Youth Congress.

FRESNO: Mass meeting, 816 Broadway, 8 p. m., auspices, Young Communist League.

Fresno Truck Strike

BULLETIN

FRESNO, Calif., May 28.—Fresno trucking paralyzed by strike of 400 teamsters, sympathy strikes looming in other towns. Failure of negotiations on new wage agreement and 10 per cent raise is cause. Local police aiding employers to run scab trucks.

Free Speech Is Rated Nuisance By S. F. Police

SAN FRANCISCO, May 27.—Arrested for speaking to a crowd of workers in Dolores Park yesterday and charged with committing a public nuisance, Archie Brown, member of the Young Communist League, was released a few hours later on \$25 bail furnished by the International Labor Defense. At his hearing today, Brown plead not guilty and bail was raised to \$250, which was also furnished by the I. L. D.

A similar meeting in Jefferson Park on the same day was held without interference.

GALLUP DEFENSE RALLY DEFIES VIGILANTE VIOLENCE THREATS

Trade Unionists Back Gallup Defense
Against Frame-up for Murder of
Sheriff By His Own Deputy

DURANGO, Colo., May 27.—In spite of the closing of the local Trade Union Hall by the mayor and county judge, and threats by vigilantes to break up any meeting, a crowd of 500 workers and farmers assembled at an open air meeting on Main st. to protest against the terror in Gallup.

The principal speaker, Mrs. Julia Bartol, spoke of fascism now prevalent in Gallup, and linked it with the situation in Durango. The closing of the hall, the beating of a worker who had gone to the mayor to protest against this action, and the mobilizing of fifty vigilantes to break up the meeting, are proof that local workers face a terror campaign which promises to equal that in Gallup.

* Trade Union Support.

The tour of Mrs. Bartol and others in defense of the Gallup workers who are being held for murder as a result of the shooting of the sheriff by his own deputies, has found wide support among members of the American Federation of Labor and United Mine Workers of America.

In Colorado Springs, Colo., the Central Trades and Labor Assembly adopted a resolution of protest. In Walsenburg, Colo., many members of the United Mine Workers joined the Gallup Defense Committee. In many other towns, rank and file members of trade unions have volunteered to join the defense and hold mass protest meetings against the Gallup reign of terror.

The interest aroused by the Gallup Defense campaign among rank and file union members in direct defiance of the reactionary District leadership of the U. M. W. who ordered members of their union to have nothing to do with the defense of their fellow union members in Gallup.

Naff Petitions Courts for Bond And Appeal Writ

WAS FRAMED FOR LEADING
FERA MEN IN FIGHT
FOR MORE FOOD

PHOENIX, Ariz., May 23.—(EP)—Dismissal of Clay Naff's petition for a certificate of reasonable grounds for appeal of his two-year sentence to the penitentiary on framed charges of "rioting" was asked in a demurrer filed in the State Supreme Court here by the Attorney General's office.

Naff, through the International Labor Defense, had asked for the certificate and bond, which would permit his appeal and release. The Attorney General had been allowed until May 24 to file a brief and (Thomas J. Croft, Naff's attorney has been given till May 29 to reply.

Naff is now serving his sentence at the state penitentiary at Florence, Ariz., after he had been framed for his militant leadership of the FERA workers' strike last fall.

The Phoenix Branch of the International Labor Defense has issued a call to all individuals and organizations to rush protests immediately to Chief Justice Lockwood of the Arizona Supreme Court and to Governor B. B. McQueen, both at the State Capitol Building, Phoenix, Ariz. Demand that Naff be granted bond.

Jobless Jottings

John "Cement" Treanor, chairman of the L. A. Citizens Relief Committee, completely exposed in recent weeks by the militant unemployed, has resigned.

His resignation was not retarded by the sight of the state car and withered cabbage (from the Welfare Basket) tossed in front of his disabled personage last week by S.E.R.A. worker Sullivan, while a committee of unemployed voiced the question of "how would you like to eat such food?"

So long! "Cement" Treanor, "friend of the unemployed."

Good work Sally . . .

The chair at the end of the committee table, so rumor states will soon be amply warmed by Jefferson Chandler, corporation attorney and present vice chairman of the committee. In a committee meeting "Shyster left" only looks happy when mention is made of a new scheme to cut the budget or someone speaks about the sins of the unemployed.

The Board of Education has decided all assemblies of school children in the future will be opened with a salute to the flag and a pledge of allegiance. This same board is opposed to free lunch lunches in the schools. The "Red squad" was called to terrorize the mothers and children of Dolis Place school when they attempted to organize to secure free hot lunches at that school.

Salutes cost nothing.

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TWO YEARS ON CHARITIES SHRINKS WOMAN'S STOMACH

Unemployed Union Forces Increase of
Relief for Woman With Stomach
One-Half Normal Seize

By Carl Sherman.

"Your stomach has shrunk to barely one-half its normal size!"

This is what the Oakland clinic told Mrs. Mavis Miller, of 6618 Dover street, Oakland, after she and her two babies had been living on the allowance given by the Alameda County Charities for less than a year and a half.

HUSBAND DESERTED.

Mrs. Miller was deserted by her husband three years ago. Yet whenever she applies to the Alameda Charities for an increase in her grocery budget she is refused, on the grounds they will first have to find her husband.

For two years Mavis Miller has been compelled to exist on an allowance so abnormal for a human being that her stomach has shrunk to half its natural size!

The Alameda charities have even flatly refused to place Mrs. Miller upon the S.E.R.A., where her allowance would be increased. When it is realized that the salaries of the charities workers depends to some extent upon the number of clients they handle, the self-seeking motive of the social workers in keeping her on the charities list can be guessed.

Even Cop Affected.

A year ago Mrs. Miller was receiving an allowance of only \$7.70 a month for groceries. At that time a policeman who was sent to evict her from her room was so struck by the tragedy of her extreme destitution that he went out and bought her an armful of groceries.

Since then Mrs. Miller has forced the charities to increase her allowance to \$11.28 per month. However, so much has the rise in prices cut down her purchasing power that even with this increase she and the children are compelled to live on bread and milk for two of the three daily meals. On the last day of the month, the two babies' food is reduced to one meal of bread and milk entirely.

Smart Allie Visitor.

Mrs. Miller gets only \$1.32 for meat out of her order per month. Yet when she asked for more meat in order to obtain a healthy diet, Mrs. Rogers, her present social

worker, asked cheerfully: "Why do you need meat? Haven't you bread and milk?"

This is not by any means the worst that has happened to Mrs. Miller. When she asked the charities for shoes:

"Let your boy friends buy you shoes," the social worker, Miss Ludwig, now Mrs. Hudson, instructed her callously.

Plainly the social worker knew her friends do not buy clothing for women without expecting a return! This has all the earmarks of a cool and deliberate attempt to coerce Mrs. Miller into prostitution.

No Hospital.

When Mrs. Miller's second baby was born the charities refused to send her to the Highland Hospital, as was her right. Instead, Mrs. Stockard of the charities brow-beat her into going to the Salvation Army Home for "Unemployed Mothers"—in spite of the fact that she had been legally married to the father of her child.

"I was branded," says Mrs. Miller. "Disheartened, it made a girl feel she might as well take to the kind of immoral life they classed me in. But I didn't."

Of course, if Mrs. Miller were forced into prostitution, the charities would not be compelled to spend as much as they do for the care of the two babies and her self.

Vile Slander.

Apparently pursuing these tactics, Mrs. Walsh, Mrs. Miller's first social worker, attempted to

U. S. Supreme Court O. K.'s Chain-Gang Sentence for Herndon



The International Labor Defense is instructing its lawyers to file a petition for a rehearing of Angelo Herndon's case before the U. S. Supreme Court, which has just refused to set aside his conviction on charges of "insurrection." Herndon was arrested under an old statute of pre-Civil War days sentenced to 18 to 20 years on a Georgia chain-gang, because he organized the unemployed, black and white, of Atlanta, Ga. He is shown above with representatives of the International Labor Defense. Reading from left to right: Charles Gordon, Angelo Herndon, Elaine Black and Dr. Crawford.

RIOT SQUAD IS HELPLESS IN A HUNT FOR RIOT

S. F. WORKERS SCHOOL
GETS PRACTICE
MANEUVERS

SAN FRANCISCO, May 27.—There was no riot in the San Francisco Workers' School last Friday night. Not one. In fact they were holding one of the quietest sessions in its history.

Suddenly seven police officers came pussy-footing up the stairs and entered a classroom in skirmish formation.

"What's the trouble here?" said the copper in command.

"Up until now we haven't had any trouble," said the instructor.

Nothing Doing.

The cops were puzzled. Where was the riot? A riot call had come in; supposed to be some-

thing ferocious going on at this place.

"Does it take seven officers to find out the truth of the report?" asked the instructor.

"Seven, hell!" said the cop in command. "There's more coming."

And more came; a whole carload. The reinforcements couldn't find any riot either. In the midst of all the excitement a riot squad of reporters from the San Francisco Chronicle came in, prepared for the worst. In spite of telephone calls to the contrary, their most minute examination could discover no signs of any riot whatsoever. They seemed disappointed.

More Reinforcements.

The school instructor was so dizzy by this time, that when a battery of Chronicle photographers arrived, prepared to go into action, he helped them search for striking battle scenes that would look well in the papers.

But there was no riot to be found.

And the students in the school were able to get the police and the reporters and the photographers out of the building before they could start one.

DENIAL OF HERNDON APPEAL STIRS NEW FREEDOM FIGHT

I. L. D. Continues Fight to Save Heroic
Negro Sentenced Under Old Slave
Law for Organizing Workers

NEW YORK, May 27.—The fight to free Angelo Herndon will go on! This was announced by the International Labor Defense after the Supreme Court of the United States by a vote of six to three denied his appeal from a sentence of 18 to 20 years on Georgia chain gang under an "insurrection" law passed before the Civil War to keep down Negro slaves.

The first step in the fight will be a demand for a rehearing of the Supreme Court decision, which was rested on a pure technicality.

Plans include the holding of mass meetings in protest against this infamous decision, the distribution of postcards and stickers demanding the release of Herndon, and protest wires from every worker and workers' organization to the U. S. Supreme Court demanding a rehearing.

The League of Struggle for Negro Rights has called mass meetings to protest this decision, and bring the same mass pressure to play that was so successfully utilized in the Scottsboro case.

HISTORY OF CASE

Angelo Herndon, brilliant young Negro worker, was arrested in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1932, for the alleged crime of organizing white and Negro workers to fight for decent relief. He was arrested as he was taking mail from a post-office box; the officers claiming he was receiving a subversive letter, which they never presented at the trial.

He was found guilty by a jury from which Negro jurors were carefully excluded, and sentenced to 18 to 20 years on the chain gang under the "insurrection" law passed in the days of slavery.

The jury recommended "mercy," otherwise he would have been sentenced to hang. No proof that he tried to raise an insurrection was presented; the whole crime was in organizing for decent relief.

Minority Dissents.

Justice Sutherland, who has since 1922 held every liberal law ever passed or unconstitutional, read the majority opinion. He stated that the defense did not prove to preserve the federal question involved.

He held that the defense had to anticipate that the state supreme court would hold an unconstitutional law as constitutional, and take exception to that holding at an early stage in order to have a right to come under the protection of the United States Constitution.

Justice Cardozo, read the dissenting opinion, which was concurred in by Judges Brandeis and Stone. In disposing of sham technicality brought forth by the reactionary Sutherland, he said in part:

"It is a novel doctrine that a defendant who has had the benefits of all he asks, and indeed a good deal more, must place a statement in the record that if some other court at some other time shall read the statute differently, there will be a denial of liberties that at the moment of the protest are unchallenged and intact."

As a result of mass pressure,

authorities were forced to set him free. They set it at \$15,000, considering that it would not be possible to raise that sum. However, in a few weeks, as a result of contributions from hundreds of workers throughout the country, bail was raised.

Technicality Used.

When the case was appealed to the Supreme Court on the question of the constitutionality of the statute under which he was convicted, the court by a vote of six to three hid behind a silly technicality.

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Vandeleur Scored For Bolting C. S. Repeal Hearing

REFUSED TO SPEAK FOR
BILL 419 BEFORE
SUPERVISORS

SAN FRANCISCO, May 25.—Edward Vandeleur, president of the San Francisco Central Labor Council, came in for some severe criticism, when Hugo Ernst, president of the local Workers' Union and member of the American Civil Liberties Union, took him to task for not appearing before the Board of Supervisors to support a resolution for repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law.

When the resolution, introduced by request of the California State Conference for United Action Against the Criminal Syndicalism Act, came up for debate, Vandeleur skipped out. As a result of failure of labor leaders to give it the proper support, the solution for passing Assembly Bill 419, for repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism law, was defeated by a vote of nine to two.

Ernst attributed this defeat to the failure of a representative of the A. F. of L. to be present. He quoted from the minutes of the Board to show that Vandeleur had been present and then ran out when the debate began.

Vandeleur weakly answered that he had pressing business with the Butchers' Union and launched into a loud proclamation of his own virtues in respect to all the work he did for labor without compensation. No one explained why the "Labor Leaders" had not come forward to support the resolution for repeal, and which directly interests the great mass of labor.

460 Millions Naval Bill Passes Senate

WASHINGTON, May 27.—The Senate voted through the naval appropriation bill of \$460,000,000. This was an increase of \$11,000,000, the additional sum to be made available to start immediate construction on 24 new warships.

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From The Worker Correspondents

Workers Return Woman to Home After Eviction

OFFICER MANHANDLES
MOTHER AND TWO
DAUGHTERS

LOS ANGELES, May 23.—More than 150 neighbors, led by the Public Works Unemployed League, in defiance of the sheriff, moved Mrs. Lavan, 1731 E. 64th Street, back into her home last night, after she had been evicted.

Behind in her rent, she was evicted on orders of the Los Angeles Housing Company, 1218 Title Insurance Building, acting as agent for the Southern California Building and Loan Company. Following the rallying of the neighbors to her assistance, the S.E.R.A. offered a belated rent check to the rental agent who refused it.

Quarantined Previously.

S.E.R.A. officials, callously declared that Mrs. Lavan was given in eviction notice 30 days ago and should have moved out. At variance with this, however, is the statement of the school nurse, who declared that Mrs. Lavan and her four children had been quarantined for scarlet fever from April 11 until the day of the eviction, and that they could not have moved sooner—notice or no notice.

Still further confusing the issue, S.E.R.A. officials attacked Mrs. Lavan's right to demand her relief budget by peddling vegetables. In this way she ekes out a few dollars monthly for decent food for her growing children. S.E.R.A. officials insist she should stay home and care for her children—meaning supervise their malnutrition, which she tries to combat with the few dollars coming from her peddling.

Neighbors Take Hand.

Neighbors incensed at the treatment given her, broke the seals on the doors, shoved the law officers out of the way and moved

Relief Heads In L. A. Exposed As Drunks, Loafers

INVESTIGATION SHOWS
OFFICIALS WERE
DRUNK ON JOB

LOS ANGELES, May 23.—Following public exposure of drunken orgies by seven L.A.C.R.A. paymasters, relief officials have been forced to fire them.

The paymasters, according to charges, had indulged in drinking during office hours and had otherwise mis-conducted themselves.

Recently a scandal came to light in the San Pedro district office of L.A.C.R.A. where administrative employees in San Pedro were accused of "wife swapping" and drinking on the job.

Because of the pressure brought to bear, L.A.C.R.A. officials are now investigating all district offices and all administrative officials.

This exposure points to one reason why many visitors and other lesser administrative workers are forced to work long hours—sometimes 90 and 100 hours weekly for as little as \$20. Higher officials, holding the administrative reins, are playing with relief.

Mrs. Lavan's few belongings back into the home.

One of the officers named Critten, in violation of his "duties", started pawing through papers in a trunk. When Mrs. Lavan protested he manhandled her and when two of her children, Anna and Sybil came to her rescue, he struck her child's defenders.

This last is to be the subject for a protest by Local 17, P.W.U., which will send a large committee to the county supervisors.

In an effort to avoid militant action, a Utopian leader first proposed that Mrs. Lavan be put in the garage for the night. When the neighbors protested against this, he then tried to take up a collection to move her into a makeshift abode. This, too, was resisted by the neighbors and unemployed members.

RED SCARE IN NEW MEXICO TOWN USED TO CUT RELIEF

Minor Blocked from Speaking for Gallup
Defense; Anti-Soviet Liar Flourishes

By a Worker Correspondent.

CLOVIS, N. M., May 27.—The relief situation in this county (Curry) has become deplorable. According to the relief boss here, Mrs. Helen Hutchins, this county was allotted \$14,000, or over, for the month of May, compared to \$20,000 or more for April. Of this \$14,000 only \$9000 is to go to the actual relief of those workers in need and in destitute circumstances, of which there are some 1100 or more, and of this number over 1000 are rated as active cases.

A committee from the Unemployed Citizens' League has succeeded in getting several individuals of prominence, as well as the Chamber of Commerce and the city commission, to send telegrams of emergency nature to state and national authorities in behalf of the starving workers and their families.

The boss press, the political bankers and labor-haters are doing their utmost to lull the masses into thinking the kidnapping of the Gallup victims defense, Minor and Levinson, was a hoax and is of no significance.

Official Red Scare.

The \$5000 to be held back from the \$14,000 slated for this month is something that has the workers guessing as to what will become of it.

State relief administrator Franks stated that since we have kids in the City Hall of Clovis, meaning police judge W. C. Tharp, a socialist, Curry county will not get its share of relief. This statement from Franks is very much in line with the report that came from Santa Fe in February that workers of Clovis would get favorable consideration as long as they would allow no Communists in their organizations; and also the report that the Communists have an underground organization in Clovis that intends to overthrow the government. This is all meant for a Red scare to horrify the workers against any Communist movement, or militant fighting move to get for the workers what they are entitled to.

Anti-Soviet Liar.

At this time we have in Clovis another faker who calls himself Dr. C. Anderson, who is spreading lying, slanderous reports of starvation, atrocity and black conditions in Red Russia. He states that his son had his ears pulled off by Red Soldiers, from the effects of which he died. And he says that his daughter ran up to defend her brother and was crushed and killed, then and there. All this he tells in a LAUGHING manner, as a slanderous joke against the Soviet Union. This is sufficient to expose his lying, for who could tell such a thing in all sincerity about his own children in a laughing manner?

He advertises himself as miraculously delivered from the firing squad. He takes the worker's money under the pretense of going to the Soviet Union as a missionary, and tells the workers that he will have to preach under cover, in caves, and take desperate chances. In the last two nights he collected over \$11.00 for his vile lies and slander against the Soviet Union.

Gallup Defense Feared.

When the heroic labor leader, Robert Minor, came to Clovis on May 10, every possible move by the boss class agents was made to prevent the workers from hearing him make his appeal to organize Gallup Defense Committees in order to save the Gallup workers from the electric chair.

Seaman Scab Is Dumped On Way Back to Vessel

SAN DIEGO PAPERS CARRY
ADDS FOR FINKS TO
MAN THE TANKERS

By a Worker Correspondent.

SAN DIEGO, Calif., May 18.—Starting yesterday morning the San Diego Union (morning) and the Evening Tribune, both published by Copley, reactionary newspaper magnate, printed advertisements asking for seamen to break the tanker strike.

The full wording of the "ads" follows: "Seaman wanted—Seaman, 1st Class, Able-Bodied, for Pacific Coast Tankers - Strike Conditions prevailing - For interview write J. Summerville, Box 645, Union-Tribune. Give qualifications, age, etc. Transportation Paid." These ads are four columns wide and four inches long.

And speaking of scabs, there is, at least one of these yellow-back-lashed lousies, who will not have a chance to scab on his fellow-workers for a while. The reason is, he is in the hospital.

This specimen of insect went by the name of Harold E. O'Dell. He was trying to get back to the Union Oil Tanker La Purisima, which berthed at the foot of Beardsley street late Thursday night. But he never got back altho he rode in a taxi. SOMETHING HAPPENED TO HIM, WHICH PUT HIM OUT OF COMMISSION FOR A WHILE.

Organized labor of San Diego is well incensed at this strike-breaking ads appearing in the Union and Tribune. Many workers are speaking of boycotting these papers. This is a matter which should be taken up in the Federated Trades meeting Wed., as well as in every local meeting. If the tanker seamen are going to win their strike they have got to be supported by all organized labor.

Bakery Worker Loses Job For Union Activity

LOW WAGE AND SPEED-UP
FOUND IN BAKERY
AROUSES PROTEST

By a Bakery Worker.

LOS ANGELES, May 27.—I was fired from the Van de Kamp bakery located at 2930 Fletcher Drive because I tried to build the Bakers' Local No. 37 (A. F. of L.) and because I invited some of the other workers to my home to discuss the rotten conditions in the bakery.

The worst condition in the bakery is the almost inhuman speed-up. There is, what we call, the "B" system. This is a system of time clocks which regulates the speed of the various kinds of work. There is a certain tempo necessary for boxing, etc. The base pay for these different tasks varies. What the bosses consider an easier task has a lower base pay. But the speed necessary to be maintained for this task is just as great as the speed for another job, even though it pays more.

Fired for Organizing.

There are about 250 workers in the bakery and the wages are as low as \$14.00 for a 40-hour week. We get 20 minutes for lunch—but we don't get paid for the half-hour. It was for trying to organize the men around the rotten conditions of speed-up, low wages, and inadequate lunch or rest time that I was fired. Of course they did not give me any reason for firing me. But I'll try to get back and continue the work. There are only four workers in the bakers' local.

NRA Advocates.

An interesting fact about Van de Kamp's is that the owners were staunch supporters and advocates of the N.R.A. Of course, the 7A clause is delicately overlooked, but they promote the N.R.A. because its policy increases their profits and helps eliminate the small baker.

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U. S. Prison Officials Bar Daily Worker

NEW YORK, May 27.—The Daily Worker, only working class daily paper in the United States, is denied to five workers in the federal prison at Lewisburg, Penn. Four working class prisoners had been getting the paper until very recently, when Charles Krambein, N. Y. district organizer of the Communist Party began an 18-month sentence. When the Daily Worker protested to the Bureau of Prisons, the assistant director wrote in reply: "I am sure that you will understand that in the management of penal institutions it is not possible to allow prisoners all of the privileges which they might enjoy as free citizens," and concluded that a subscription to the Daily Worker is one privilege that must be denied.

U. S. Marines Guard Scab Cargoes

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 27.—While 800 truck drivers are out on strike, a detachment of U. S. Marines is stationed in the Produce Market district to escort foodstuffs through the picket lines, supposedly destined for the Navy Yard. The Federal State Market News Service announced there was no early movement of fruits and vegetables and too few sales were reported to establish a market. The few trucks that moved in and out of Philadelphia markets, were guarded by police. Squads of mounted officers are used to protect scab truck drivers.

Cleveland Police Ride Down Pickets

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 27.—Mounted police ran down several women pickets when 850 workers went out on strike at the Industrial Rayon Corporation. The walkout was called by the Rayon Workers' Local of the United Textile Workers Union after the management had refused to negotiate with the union on its demands.

Silk Workers Present Own Code

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 27.—The Paterson, N. J., representatives of the American Federation of Silk Workers are here for the Silk Code hearing, introduced by the workers to "present as our Code, our strike demands and price list." While the Silk Code authority proposes to put silk and rayon under the cotton code, the Silk Workers Union, which is conducting a general strike referendum vote, proposes that the demands and price list of the union become the new code for the silk and rayon workers. The Paterson representatives, as well as the national officials, are instructed to fight for \$25 a week minimum for workers and the 30-hour week.

Ford Lays Off 15,000

DETROIT, Mich., May 27.—Although the production season is at its height, the speed-up system in the Ford plant has enabled the management to lay off 15,000 of its 700,000 workers. Loud speakers at the factory gates shout to the workers: "You have produced 600,000 cars, there are 400,000 more to go. This means four more months' work. You need not have a car? Foremen are canvassing the plant, asking the workers if they intend to buy a car, hinting that those who buy a car will have a better chance of keeping their jobs."

Member of Cast of Workers' Play Freed

BOSTON, Mass., May 27.—Attempts by the authorities to interfere with the performances of Clifford Odets' play, "Waiting for Lefty," scored another failure when the flood of protests obliged the District Court to free Richard Gray, member of the cast. Defense attorneys of the International Labor Defense charged the prosecution was not based on the false charge of "profanity" but on the militant character of the play. The play was presented to a capacity audience in Boston.

SEAMEN REJECT MOVE TO OUST RANK AND FILE

NEW YORK IS LOCAL REFUSES TO FOLLOW LEADERS ORDERS

Dye Workers Rescind Strike on Pay Raise

WOONSOCKET, R. I., May 27.—Members of the dye section, Woonsocket Independent Industrial Union, voted to rescind the strike vote taken when seven of the eight mills involved agreed to wage increases. The mill is expected to start up. The agreement increases the wages of about a thousand workers from \$5 to \$6.

NEW YORK, May 27.—Efforts of reactionary leaders of the International Seamen's Union to expel three rank and file members for the crime of leading the fight to make Philadelphia a union port failed when a meeting of members of the New York local of the Marine, Firemen's, Orders, and Waterfronts' Union refused to approve their recommendations.

* Further Charges.

Not satisfied with framing Galvin and Wolfe to two years probation, the officials brought further charges against these two, and a third rank and file, Hope King, with a view to expelling them. Knowing that they could not get away with anything in Philadelphia, the local picadors brought their charges in New York.

A hand-picked trial committee brought in a recommendation of expulsion on charges of "disturbing literature and propagating the idea of dual unionism." This charge was played as a result of an open letter distributed to the rank and file exposing the district leaders.

* Workers Pack Trial.

Over 200 rank and file members packed the trial. In spite of the fact that the six months probationary ruling was invoked to keep most of them from voting, the recommendation of the trial committee was defeated 15 to 13. The non-voting members present greeted the decision with a thunder of applause.

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HITLER SPEECH DEFENDS NAZI WAR POLICIES

SAYS WAR PREPARATIONS ARE DIRECTED AGAINST SOVIET UNION

BERLIN, May 22.—In a two-hour speech before the Nazi Reichstag, Hitler spoke for fascism in protesting against any condemnation of its drive toward imperialism. Behind a barrage of pacifist phrases Hitler tried to gain support for his rearmament policy, and divorce other countries, especially England, from any anti-Nazi front.

He made it very clear that Germany would stop at no sacrifices to regain. He appealed to the German people to put up with the hardships brought upon them by fascism, and frankly admitted that none of "our (the Nazis) practical plans will be completed before ten or twenty years to come."

* Dictated Disarmament Terms.

At the same time he was willing to conclude certain agreements for arms limitations if other countries would disarm in a manner prescribed by him.

While announcing rearmament, he promised to limit his navy to 35 per cent of Great Britain's. In this way he sought to pacify the British and split them from the French. This decision was prompted by the fact that it would be impossible for the German navy to catch up with the British in an arms competition.

* Attacks Soviet Union.

The conciliatory attitude of Hitler's speech against certain countries was prompted by the desire to gain allies in an attack on the Soviet Union. The recent conclusion of defensive pacts by the Soviet Union with France and Czechoslovakia has given a temporary check to Hitler's dream of eastward expansion.

Accordingly he was bitter in his denunciation of Communism. He appealed for support in a drive against what he alleged as the horrors of Bolshevism. In this connection he conveniently forgot to mention the sacrifices that national socialism, or fascism, was asking the workers to put up with instead of attributing the hardship and unemployment to the consequences of capitalism, he tried to blame his present difficulties on the World War, which ended seventeen years ago.

Two Convicted of Smuggling Money Out of Germany

BERLIN, May 27.—Two more Roman Catholic nuns were given prison sentences for the crime of smuggling money out of Germany. More than fifty priests and nuns still face trial for similar offenses. The money was used to pay debts to foreigners, which Hitler has forbidden except by exporting goods, which has allowed German debtors to pay off their debts at reduced rates.

A. F. L. OFFICIAL AIDS CO. IN STAND AGAINST BOYCOTT

San Bernardino Fight for Fair Wage Is Sabotaged By Union's Business Agent; Workers Press for Rejected Demands

SAN BERNARDINO, May 27.—Backed by Connie Bakers, business agent for the local American Federation of Labor carpenters' union, Smart and Final Co., wholesale grocers, have seen fit to reject the demands of the County Association of Labor and Relief for rates of pay demanded by that organization.

The Association, which includes 16 locals of Workers Clubs throughout the County, had forced Smart and Final to ask for a conference at which the demands for the 30-hour week, and rates of \$1.10 for skilled labor, 80c for semi-skilled labor, and 60c for common labor were presented.

Connie Bakers meanwhile informed the foreman on the Smart and Final warehouse construction job in San Bernardino that the union could furnish all the common labor wanted at 40c an hour.

* To Spread Boycott.

Having withheld further action on the county-wide boycott action on Smart and Final for 24 hours, while the company considered the demands, the Association has issued 10,000 leaflets as a first move in the continuance of the fight. A special committee of workers has been set up to prevail upon the whole county to boycott Smart and Final goods, and to notify all retail grocers that they are unfair.

The rates of pay demanded were recognized as prevailing rates in this community by a committee representing labor, business and the government, and these rates were paid on the CWA and the present SERRA relief jobs.

The boycott has been so effective so far that Smart and Final were obliged to ask the workers to send a committee to the recent conference and the Co's decision to reject the demands was undoubtedly influenced to a great degree by the attitude of the local officials of the carpenters union in giving them the backing on the question of pay for common labor.

San Diego Bld'g Service Union Is Growing Rapidly

SAN DIEGO, Calif., May 18.—One of the most rapidly growing unions here is the Building Service Workers Union, (AFL). At the last meeting, 20 new members were initiated. All janitors, building service engineers, elevator operators, housemen, and other workers in the building service industry, are urged to join the local and help form a strong organization.

Forty members of the union were placed at work during the past week.

Zinc Workers Strike

MASCOT, Tenn., May 27.—500 employees of the American Zinc Company are on strike, demanding increased wages and union recognition. This is the first time in its twenty-five years of existence that the workers of this plant have gone on strike.

RELIEF WAGE SCALE CUTS UNION WAGES

ROOSEVELT WILL PAY ALL SKILLED WORKERS THE SAME WAGE SCALE

WASHINGTON, May 27.—The new Roosevelt work relief plan represents the most outright attack yet made on the present wage scales achieved by union labor as a result of organized struggle. This is done by lumping all skilled work in one category and paying, in California, from \$55 to \$85 for a month's work.

Since the normal wage standards for skilled work differ for the various trades, it will have the effect of evening out these differentials. What a month's work is, is not specified in the President's order, but it is to be not over eight hours a day for five days in the week. For certain occupations, such as road work, the hours are to be restricted to 130 a month.

On a basis of 130 hours a month, this makes a wage scale of 42 to 65 cents an hour for skilled labor. Intermediate labor, which in California receives from \$45 to \$65 a month, will be paid from 34 to 50 cents an hour. Unskilled labor at \$40 to \$55 a month, will be paid from 30 to 42 cents an hour.

* Government Wage Cutting.

If, as may very likely happen, the working hours are 40 a week, the wage rate will be correspondingly lower. In any case, wage scales will be cut by the government which will be acting as the tool of the capitalists in an attack on the living standards of the working class. And the ones most directly affected are those union members who through their struggles have forced employers to set a reasonable wage scale.

The new wage scales adopted by order of Roosevelt are:

Below the union scale.
Below the NRA code wages.
Below the PWA scale.
Less than home relief in any number of cases.

Less than the total of CCC wages and maintenance.

They make no allowance for time lost by sickness, or by the closing or delay of a project. When a project ends, or work is delayed, the worker is out of luck until a new project is mapped out, approved, and finally started.

In the meantime, although some seven weeks have passed since the four billion dollar work relief program was passed, not a penny has been received by any worker. However, liberal sums have already been spent on the CCC camps, whose military value is well appreciated by Roosevelt.

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Foreign News Briefs

Education Declines Under Nazis

BERLIN, May 27.—The Deutscher Hochschulnährer für das Studienjahr 1935 paints an accurate picture of the decay of the German university under Hitler. While the number of students matriculated at the universities during the first half-year of the year 1928-29 amounted to 29,583, this figure had sunk to 19,567 by the year 1933-34. The total number of German students must also be taken into account: from 126,137 in 1930-31 the number sank to 86,678 in 1933-34. Today it is even lower. Even more striking are the figures for women students: from 26,303 in the summer term of 1931, the number of women students sank to 12,310 by the summer term of 1934.

French Workers Celebrate Paris Commune

PARIS, May 27.—Overshadowing completely the celebration of Joan of Arc Day, the observance of the anniversary of the Paris Commune, first proletarian dictatorship in history was carried through as a review of the working class forces of France under the slogan "Soviets Everywhere!" While 3000 Mobile Guards and police dared not interfere, 200,000 Communists and Socialists marched, red banners and streamers flying, to the famous wall of Pere La Chaise Cemetery where thousands of Communards were executed by the French bourgeoisie in 1871. Twenty white-haired veterans of the Commune reviewed the mighty united front demonstration. Shouts of "Down with Fascism!" and "Soviets everywhere!" showed the mass determination of the workers to hold their antifascist front.

Communist Vote Gains In Czecho Slovakia

ZURICH, May 27.—The results of the elections to the Czecho-Slovakian Parliament, released for 22 of 24 electoral districts, show a great increase for the Communist Party of Czecho-Slovakia. The Communist vote totals 731,000, an increase of 115,000 since the elections of 1929. Czech fascists in Prague, the capital of Czecho-Slovakia, had threatened to break up any demonstrations of the workers' parties. Under the leadership of the Communist Party a united front meeting of 50,000 on Saturday and 30,000 on Sunday took place at the Wenzel Platz.

Two Cuban Women on Trial for Life

HAVANA, Cuba, May 27.—Two women, Zimara O'Halloran and Conchita Valdivieso, captured at the time of the murder of Antonio Guiteras, will be tried by court martial with nine other anti-imperialist fighters. The military dictatorship of Colonel Batista and President Mendieta will demand the death penalty for the eleven, and it is feared that they will attempt to rush them to execution as has been done in previous cases unless mass protests pour in immediately to the Cuban government.

Turkish Children to Be Militarized

ANGORA, Turkey, May 27.—Following the example of Mussolini in preparing for another imperialist struggle, the Turkish government has approved a plan for compulsory pre-military training for more than 500,000 Turkish boys and girls. The army general staff has drafted a plan for practical training for children under twelve. At the same time the government is increasing the number of reserve officers.

Home-Made Guns Seized In Philippines

MANILA, P. I., May 27.—The government drive to root out and destroy the forces of the Philippine people that led the recent anti-imperialist uprising has unearthed a supply of ninety home-made shot-guns at San Juan del Monte in Bulacan Province. Constabulary officers making the seizure claim that a Sakdalista municipal councillor there had made more than 200 of them.

N. Y. Longshoremen Vote to Back I. L. A.

ALBANY, N. Y., May 27.—Longshoremen working in the port of Albany went on record for affiliation with the International Longshoremen's Association by a vote of 312 out of 314. The Port District Commission objected to having to recognize any particular labor group, putting the state of New York on record as standing against any closed shop.

U. S. WORKERS VISITING USSR SEE NO FAMINE

RUSSIAN WORKERS LAUGH WHEN TOLD OF HEARST LIES

NEW YORK, May 27.—Twelve American workers, five members of the Socialist Party and seven members of the American Federation of Labor Unions, are at present touring the Soviet Union as members of a delegation organized by the Friends of the Soviet Union.

Upon their arrival in Leningrad they were greeted by hundreds of Russian workers, a band, newsreel cameras and newspaper men. After touring the city, enjoying the theatres, museums and fine hotel accommodations, one of the delegates from New Bedford, William Duprey, wrote to his fellow textile workers:

* Laugh at Hearst.

"If you happen to get hold of a Hearst newspaper please see if you can find out where in Russia they are starving. Leningrad is a city of 3,600,000 population and we have covered it, pretty thoroughly and haven't seen anybody starving. When you talk to them of Hearst's stories they think it is the best joke they ever heard and ask you to remember that they have not revolted in 18 years, and they are not bashful at revolting if they are not satisfied with conditions. Their only wish is that they have about ten years more without interruption by war or any other disaster."

Contrasting the progress of the Russian cities with the stagnation in America he wrote:

* Modern Progress

"Back home buildings are being torn down right and left. They are going to build 42 new schools in 1935. They are building and reconstructing in every part of the country. Every shop and factory here has been fixed up so that the workers will have sunshine all day. When you see a working district it looks like a glass village, there are so many glasses to the factory. Everything is modern, they have electric lights, gas, trolley cars, talkies, 5th Ave. buses, and practically everything you could find in the U. S. A."

World Events and Western Workers

United Fronts In European Elections Show Way To Epics

By Emmett Kirby

Anti-Fascist Front Wins In France While Socialists' Refusal In Holland and Czecho Slovakia Results In Fascist Gain—Nazi Factory Police Show Strong Fight Of Workers Against Hitler War Plans.

EPIC workers discussing the united front with the Communists will do well to turn their attention for a thoughtful hour to study Europe.

The recent elections held in France, Czecho-Slovakia and Holland show, as nothing else can in present Europe, the effects of a united front.

In the French elections, as reported last issue, a sweeping victory against imperialist war and fascism was scored. There had been a united front of Socialists, Communists and others.

In Holland, however, the fascists scored a gain. There the Communist Party's offer of an anti-fascist united front had been rejected by the Socialist Party heads.

In Czecho-Slovakia a week ago the same thing occurred. The fascists, led by Konrad Henlein, the Czech gymnasium teacher who would be a Fuehrer, won the top position. With 1,249,000—out of a population of 14,000,000—they grabbed forty-four seats in the Chamber of Deputies. In addition the Gadjia Party (fascist) Party got six seats.

The Czech Agrarian Party ran second with 120,000 less, though because of the peculiarities of the methods of counting this gave them the biggest block of seats—forty-five out of the total of 300 deputies.

In this election the Socialist Party heads, as in Holland, refused the Communist's offer of a united front. The result was a split of votes among the many "Socialist" parties. The Socialists

lost one seat, retaining thirty-eight.

Foreign Minister Eduard Beneš "Socialists" got twenty-eight seats, a loss of four.

The Social-Democratic Party (mainly German, so not Nazi, workers) dropped from twenty-one to eleven seats.

These losses reflect the disgust of the workers with the present situation of no united fight against oppression.

* Communists Gain.

The Communists won thirty seats with a vote of 731,000—a gain of 115,000 votes over 1929. The confidence of the workers in this only party which consistently fights fascism was particularly brought out in the Carpathian and Czech industrial centers. There the Party more than doubled its vote over last election.

Had the United Front been accepted and put into effect an anti-fascist block could have been won which would have dominated the Chamber of Deputies and the government.

Such criminal refusal proves again that in the United States the reactionaries of the Socialist Party who refuse a united front are following the tactics which help fascism gain strength.

And similarly EPIC leaders who fought the united front, whether they know it or not, by that action aid the growth of fascism and terrorist oppression

of the working class.

* In Germany.

Another example which may well give brings out this point, though our main reason for presenting it is to give a picture of the kind of "support" Hitler has behind him in his war plans.

Before the factory council elections in Nazi Germany, the Communist Party sent a letter to the Socialist Party, whose leading body had been removed to Prague, that a united action should be undertaken to defeat the Nazi candidates.

In an insulting manner, and reminiscent of the tone of the Socialist leaders in America and of Upton Sinclair, they refused stating the Communist Party neither could nor intended to carry out the proposed action.

This would have thrown the campaign back entirely on the Communist Party were it not for the fact that a great number of militant Socialists no longer pay any attention to their "leadership." They ignored the S. P. order to abstain from voting, joined with the Communists in the illegal campaign, and helped score the big defeat against the Fascist leaders.

Had the whole Socialist Party thrown its influence into this illegal campaign, as its best members did, there is no doubt the victory would have been even greater than the 50 per cent scored throughout the nation.

Of particular influence were the big votes and defeats of the Nazis in the war industries. These elections, coinciding with Hitler's birthday on April 20, were no birthday present to warm his heart.

Realizing they were up against a strong fight, many factory bosses presented not the names of the more notorious Nazi leaders who should have, from their viewpoint, been chosen, but those instead others who were not so cordially hated by the workers.

But the result was defeat anyway.

This, plus their faked returns, are the story where the returns look "respectable." Many whole elections were declared void because of the defeats. But enough of the records have been given to show the strength of the workers, who were voting not only against fascism but as well against the war preparations in this manner.

* In War Industries.

In the Central German main works of the poison gas trust I. G. Farben, in Loena, 5,182 "Noes" were admitted, against 10,930 "Ayes." In the ship building and aircraft works of Bloem and Voss, where Hitler had previously spoken, 2,000 "Noes" were admitted against a claim of 3,978 "Ayes."

The Deutsche Works in Kiel, a state-owned naval shipyard with

a special staff picked for its Nazi loyalty, 3,413 "Noes" are admitted against a claim of 4,687 "Ayes."

In the Damag Plant in Duisburg, 6,027 "Noes" are admitted against 5,973 "Ayes."

In the Ruhr Klockner Combine (coal and iron ore) 8,525 "Noes" roared out against the 12,475 "Ayes."

In the Daimler-Benz works where tanks and armored cars are manufactured they dared print the result of only one shop. It's 600 "Noes" were admitted against 878 "Ayes."

In Hell and Stammers chemical works in Hamburg, the "Ayes" and "Noes" of the 2500 men employed were reported as exactly balanced.

These are all important armament factories and in them the fascist attempt to swing the vote for themselves by terrorization was reported even greater than of their importance in the Hitler program.

Yet under these conditions the workers showed how narrow Hitler's base among the decisive sections of the working class, those particularly indispensable in war, has become. Since this is so, any sabotage of the efforts of the Communist Parties of the capitalist countries to achieve a united action with the Socialists and other workers, thus permitting the growth of fascism because

the working class forces are divided, is a crime of the most hideous kind against the workers, and one that unless corrected in time will be paid for bitterly.

That the threat of imperialist war has been pushed back a bit temporarily is due to the united front action of the workers, as well as the fight for peace made by the Soviet Union.

* Light.

Diplomatic acts, and pacts for or against peace are not causes; they are results. They occur where the militancy of the workers, who will be the ones to fight, is strong enough to force such action.

This vote and the action of the Soviet Union, France and Czecho-Slovakia in signing Mutual Assistance Pacts, toned down the character of Hitler's speech in the Reichstag and led him to loud cries of "peace."

Which brought from Stanley Baldwin, Britain's acting Premier, a response equally sugary. Said Stanley (while the House of Commons and the House of Lords passed appropriations to triple the air force in reply to Hitler, at a cost of \$147,300,500 that the British workers will pay) Stanley simpered, "I look for light wherever I can find it. And I believe there is some light in the speech of Herr Hitler."

Maybe. But to the working class of the world the light is in that flame from the factory elections. And its light shows the way for them on the path they must immediately find for themselves to beat fascism back in the world.

SECRET GALLUP DEPORTATION HEARING SETS BOND FOR 5

Federal Case Against Workers Based On Union Activity; Expect Early Release On Bail As Mass Pressure Grows

SANTA FE, N. M., May 22.—The last of the deportation hearings for the six workers held in the county jail here ended Monday night, a week ago. N. D. Collier, district supervisor of the Immigration Bureau sat as examining officer.

With the exception of Doroteo Andrade, who was released on his own recognizance, all were held under \$1000 bond with two bondsmen required. It appeared that bond for Jesus Pallares of Santa Fe, district organizer of the Liga Obrera, would be approved and an effort is being made to obtain the release of Basilio Gutierrez, Albino Casas, 4141 Rodriguez and Crescencio Villa.

* Secret Hearings.

A cloud of secrecy surrounding the hearings has made it next to impossible to get news of what happened during the typical star chamber proceedings. However, it appears that the federal case against these workers is based less upon Communist Party activity than upon their activity as militant trade unionists fighting the coal operators for better wages and working conditions.

The case against Casas rests chiefly upon a statement by a Gallup gunman that "Casas bore the reputation among the workers of being an agitator," and also that he was "rioting" on the morning of April 4, the day of the Gallup police attack upon the workers. This in spite of the fact that testimony at the preliminary hearing in the Gallup case proved conclusively that Casas was witness for the prisoner Navarro, remained in the Justice of Peace Picket's courtroom through out the shootings.

* Old Employee.

Gutierrez had worked for the Gallup American Coal Company (Gamerco) for sixty years, from 1917 until the time he was black-

listed for union activities following the 1933 strike. He has nine children, eight of them born in the United States. When arrested he was on relief and averaged about \$21 for himself and eight dependents. He is a member of the United Mine Workers of America.

Bonds for five of the defendants, Joe Bartol, Jose G. Lopez, and the three women, were expected soon. The release of these five will mark the end of the systematic procrastination of acting-sheriff Dee Roberts of McKinley County, who has at last been ordered by the district attorney's office to approve the bonds. Action came upon the heels of mass protest and at the continued insistence of Chief Defense Counsel David Levinson of the International Labor Defense.

* Funds Needed.

Meanwhile, more funds are urgently needed. All contributions to the defense of these ten workers framed by the coal barons for their working class militancy should be sent to the International Labor Defense, 1005 Market street, Room 410, San Francisco, Calif.

Looking Forward

By ROSE GORDON

Elsie Robinson paints a semi-fantastic picture of life under a Communist regime. It is a picture of "those armies of tractor-men, manned by regiments of lightning, bronzed young humans with those scientific nurseries with their files of white cribbed with plump babies—those community houses." She waves almost hysterically as she cautions, "Everybody working together for the common good, thinking the same thoughts, serving the same ideal. . . . You seem to breathe a freer, friendlier air, such as our pioneering, democratic forefathers may have breathed."

And then suddenly, the "old debilitated regimentation" gets her. "Suppose," she asks, "afraid, that you don't want to do the same thing as everybody else—suppose you want to be different?" And she proceeds with a child-like naivete, that under a Soviet government, we'd be expected, as the normal by-product of regimentation, to crowd three or four families into one room, "cause that's what they do in Russia, and it may be all right for Russians, but not for us Americans, who like our privacy."

One's tempted to ask, Elsie, whether she's ever visited our "Hooverville" hovels, right here in California, where whole families are crowded into one room huts. And while we are on the subject of crowding, Elsie should have been around our way a few years back.

The time was during a cold war and the scene a typical

cal tenement on New York's East side. The writer, with her mother and four younger sisters lived in a room on the same level with the bank vaults. The single room served the purpose of living room, bedroom, bathroom, and kitchen. The room boasted a single room in one corner, beneath the cubbyhole window near the ceiling.

Our struggles to eat with some degree of regularity were almost overshadowed by our nightly problem of trying to accommodate one bed to five adolescents and one adult.

After a year of this, the writer, obviously contracted tuberculosis and left for a sanatorium in the west, to the deep envy of all her sisters.

And Elsie Robinson has to go as far as Russia for her illustrations.

But anyway, we know Elsie will be reassured to learn that Communism does not contemplate to crowd three or four families into one room.

"And under Communism, we will not all have to act alike, look alike, or think alike."

Some day, perhaps, someone will attempt to explain why working for one's self, under collectivized social control, is regimentation and slavery, while working as a cog in a Henry Ford factory, for example, is rugged individualism and liberty.

Three Planes to Replace Wrecked Giant of the Air

MOSCOW, May 27. — Three large new airplanes will be built to replace the Maxim Gorky, which crashed recently as a result of unauthorized stunting by another plane. Thousands of persons have started a campaign to raise funds for the construction of the new planes, the largest land planes in the world. It is pointed out that the Gorky crash was not the result of faulty construction. It had flown with a load of fifty-two tons instead of the rated forty tons, and reached an altitude of 20,000 feet.

UNITED YOUTH DAY - MASS MEETING and PICNIC

Sunland Park, Sunland
THURSDAY, MAY 30

Auspices: American Youth Congress, San Fernando Section. Come early for the parade, bring a lunch and stay for the Mass Meeting at 12:30 o'clock. Besides prominent local speakers there will be a skit and musical program. Parade forms at Tujunga at 10 o'clock a. m.

SHOAF EXPOSES HEARST SOVIET UNION SLANDER

VISITED SAME REGIONS AS SANGER AND OTHER LIARS

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was thought possible, the Russian peasants have thrown off their superstitious aversions to machinery and modern methods of farming. Today virtually ninety per cent of the peasants are working together cooperatively on huge tracts of land which they have converted into veritable grain factories. In the dry regions they are constructing irrigation systems which will forever free them from the uncertainty of rainfall. In the Crimea and in South Russia great fruit cooperatives are in process of establishment. Orange and lemon groves covering thousands of acres are being grown by peasant farmers who are making themselves the masters of fruit culture. Vegetable farms in extent are being planted to every variety of vegetable, and a people who formerly ate only black bread and cabbage soup are being introduced successfully to a knowledge and appreciation of vegetable diet.

* No Famine. Through the Ukraine and down in the lower Volga region I was told of famine conditions which took toll of human life; but that was years ago in the days following the revolution and civil war. Since those days there has been no involuntary famine anywhere in the Soviet Union. It is true that some die-hard kulaks went without food to the point of starvation in 1933, but they did this definitely as their protest at being compelled to work for a living. Given the choice of working or starving, they chose to starve. Today, those peasants and kulaks who refuse to enter the cooperatives are privileged to remain on their small and antiquated holdings to make their way the best they can. I saw them cultivating the soil with wooden plows drawn by women, mostly, and as they cultivate they make the sign of the cross in observation of their religious views. These wretched people is what is left of the capitalist system in the Soviet Union.

The product of such toil is small and commercially unprofitable. In the public markets and towns they exchange this product for simple necessities. Provided they do not engage in sabotage or attempt to organize a rebellion, they remain unmolested by the Soviet officials. They are hopeless so far as education is concerned. They will never comprehend or activate themselves in modern methods of agriculture. Their children leave them to join the farm cooperatives or enter industry as soon as they are old enough to become responsible.

Cooperative training in the Soviet Union is a success and has come to stay. In a subsequent article I will give it a detailed description.

YOUTH DAY

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San Francisco. SAN FRANCISCO, May 27.—Forced into South Park through the refusal of Chief of Police Quinn to give them permission to hold their demonstration on the waterfront, the youth of San Francisco, through their American Youth Congress, will hold a mass meeting against war and fascism at 11 a. m.

Immediately after the demonstration they will parade to the waterfront, and embark on an outing in Paradise Cove, where there will be dancing, swimming, games, skits, barbecue, and which will wind up with a moonlight launch ride. Tickets, still on sale, are 50 cents.

All ticket-sellers are urged to turn in money for tickets at once, to Congress headquarters at 68 Haight street, and to bring all remaining money to the demonstration so that the necessary cash can be laid down to take out the boats. Tickets will be available up to the hour of the boat's departure.

OAKLAND. OAKLAND, May 27.—The first permit for a mass meeting in Jefferson Park will protect the May 30 anti-War-and-Fascist demonstration of the American Youth Congress, to be held at noon there.

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STRIKE UNITES OFFICE CLERKS AND MECHANICS

2500 REJECT SELL-OUT AGREEMENT IN WHITE TRUCK PLANT

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 27.—The White Motor Truck plant here is shut down and all gates picketed as the 2500 strikers in the production end have been joined by many pickets from the offices. The men walked out last Tuesday following a strike vote taken at a meeting the night before.

Francis Dillon, representative of William Green, tried to repeat his sellout of the Toledo Chevrolet strike, but when he approached the Executive Committee of the United Automobile Workers local in the White Plant they told him the authority rests with the membership.

* Sell-Out Rejected. Lengthy negotiations with the company preceded the walk-out, which was voted by the workers after the company proposed the same agreement which Dillon forced on the Chevrolet strikers. The proposed agreement would in the opinion of the White Truck strikers be worse than their present conditions.

* Flying Picket Squads.

The Baker Auto Body Plant workers here have walked out in sympathy with the White Truck strikers, while the latter are sending flying squads of pickets to help 1500 Industrial Rayon strikers break an anti-picketing injunction. 1500 battery workers of the National Carbon Manufacturing Co. are on strike in Cleveland and 800 workers from the Addressograph-Multigraph Co. are out.

The four strikes have brought out at least 6000 workers with the Cleveland Federation of Labor pledging full support.

Protest Must Halt Passage Of A.B. 107-108

The reactionary Assemblymen still hope to ship A.B. 107 and A.B. 108 past the Legislature. These fascist measures, if allowed to pass, will deprive the working class of every fundamental right supposed to be guaranteed under capitalist democracy. Your protest to your Assemblyman is the only effective means of stopping these bills. Protest now!

NRA LOSES OUT

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imum wages and maximum hours which interfered with their right to make profit.

Once again the Supreme Court has explained that under the present form of government no law will be tolerated that will interfere with the interests of capitalism. The obvious class interest of the Supreme Court is to be seen in the way the NRA was outlawed. For nearly two years, while the NRA was popular with the controlling interests and was steadily increasing their profits, without increasing wages, the Supreme Court refused to rule it unconstitutional. When business turns around and begins a vigorous campaign against the NRA, the Supreme Court suddenly finds it unconstitutional.

* Excuses Given.

The excuse given by the Supreme Court is quite silly. The case involved the regulation of live poultry coming into the state of New York. Although the greater part of such poultry comes from states other than New York, the Supreme Court held that that is not interstate commerce which Congress can regulate. The second reason, that regulating hours and wages is an act of legislation which Congress can not delegate to a code authority, is equally absurd.

The decision on the NRA was written by Justice Hughes, who has a reputation for being reactionary. But the decision on farm mortgage moratorium was written by Justice Brandeis, who is supposed to be liberal. Yet all the so-called liberal justices joined with the reactionaries in upholding capitalism's right to extract its pound of flesh under any circumstances. Here again the Supreme Court acted hand in glove with the capitalist interests.

* Help to Bankers.

As long as banks were flooded with real estate, and unable to collect on their loans, the act was constitutional. When it became possible to kick the farmer out, and take over a valuable farm, then any restriction on the right to do so became unconstitutional.

The farm mortgage law provided that the farmer must pay a reasonable rental during the five-year period of the moratorium. To get back his farm he would eventually have to pay either the mortgage or the appraised value of the farm. But the complete absence of any right except the right of property was shown by holding this act unconstitutional, in spite of its ample protection for the mortgage holder.

I. L. A. MEET

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were H. Schmidt, H. Schimpf, and A. Kulberg. These same three were the previous delegation to the Council of Marine Crafts.

* Convention Delegates Report. Two of the delegates from the recent I. L. A. convention in Portland made reports detailing particulars of the struggle between the reactionary machine and the rank and file.

Lewis, who was re-elected District president over Harry Bridges by a margin of ten votes, was scored in the reports for his lying statements designed to discredit Bridges' leadership of last year's strike.

* Opposes Picketing. In reference to the militant picket lines which prevented delivery of goods from the docks until employers called out the National Guard, Lewis is quoted as saying: "The tactics used during last July third to fifth were not good. The pickets should have stayed at home. All the shipper wanted to do was move the freight from the docks to the warehouses. It didn't mean a thing."

LUMBER BOSSES PLAN VIOLENCE AGAINST UNION

"COMMITTEE OF 500" IS FORMED TO BREAK LUMBER STRIKE

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five smaller local plants, mostly box factories.

* Red Scare Used.

The "red scare" is being raised by the reactionary union officials to keep control of the strike out of the hands of the rank and file. George Webb, member of the Unemployed Citizens League, who had been voted into membership in the S. T. W. U. local for his activity in preventing them from employed from scabbing on the lumber strike has been maneuvered out of the local by the officials. They based their act on a document showing Webb had once run for office on the Communist ticket.

* Committee of 500.

Seattle's "Committee of 500," comparable to San Francisco's "Industrial Association" is running large advertisements in Seattle papers attempting to organize the small farmers into strikebreaking vigilante groups. Stories in the same papers claim the farmers are alerted at the possibility of losing their berry and fruit crops through lack of boxes, etc.

A committee visiting the small farmers about Puyallup, Wash., found most of them, with the exception of a few wealthy land owners, were backing the strikers.

The United Farmers' League of Pierce County, a powerful small farmers' organization indignantly denied that small farmers would consider using vigilante (terrorist) action against the pickets.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 27.—2000 workers in the B. P. Johns and Doernbecher furniture plant have walked out, bringing the number on strike in this area to over 5000.

Tiemp of the Douglas fir industry in this district is virtually complete. The Western Cooperative and Plylock Corporation of St. Johns went out last week.

* Relief Denied.

Prior to the strike relief headquarters announced strikers would be admitted to relief rolls in Portland. Facing starvation, strikers are refused relief. "We can do nothing for you," relief flunkies tell them, and ask, "What are you striking for?"

Governor Charles H. Martin of Oregon has had telephone conversations with Washington's governor on the question of the strike and announces he is considering giving "protection" to operators opening mills with scabs and terror.

SCHARRENBERG

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mittee consisting of leading and capable members who will study the matter and bring back a recommendation to the membership. It was stipulated that any recommendation of the committee must be put to a standing vote of the members assembled in the headquarters.

* Rank and File Determined.

Sentiment against Scharrenberg is so strong that it is questionable if the membership will react until he is driven completely out of organized labor. It can be predicted he will seek to appeal his ousting to the National executive board of the International Seamen's Union. However, since he is not a regularly elected official of the Sailors' Union, having been appointed from above, it is difficult to see how he can do this with any authority.

* Dynamite Frame-up.

It was voted at the meeting that the defense of the workers facing frame-up charges of a dynamite plot in Modesto be turned over to the Pacific Coast Maritime Federation with recommendation for a mass campaign.

Discussion of the Tanker strike resulted in the general sentiment that the executive board of the Maritime Federation be requested to bring back proposals for the approval of the membership. Harry Lundberg, president of the Federation, spoke analyzing the strike and outlining possible courses of action. Although some speakers favored a General Strike, the majority of opinion was toward submitting all points to arbitration.

EPIC News Reel

By Harold J. Ashe.

Conspicuously displayed on the stage with the rest of the Sinclair "stalwarts," throughout the opening session of the convention was Sherman J. Bainbridge, a member of the National Economic Congress, which openly avows support of Huey Long.

On no less authority than Richard S. Otto, retiring president of the End Poverty League, Upton Sinclair is the "second Christ."

Mr. Otto apparently aspires to be the St. Peter to Mr. Sinclair's "second Christ." A rumor eddied up and down the aisles of the convention, as rumors will, that he is about to cruise the Biblical Red Sea in his new \$700 yacht.

After heroically apologizing for all of the past dissensions in the Epic League as the "work of paid agitators and spies," Mr. Sinclair took upon himself the responsibility for the entrance of those spies and agitators by boldly smirking that "after all, I am only poor helpless Uppie."

And further apologizing for the dissension in the Epic League Mr. Sinclair urged "be kind and be humble—don't scold volunteer workers too hard"—thus bringing a blush to the cheeks of the \$50 a week "volunteer workers" in the league headquarters.

Sinclair's constant contempt for the workers was revealed by his following statement: "We can



end poverty any time we want to. All we need is sufficient intelligence to understand, and the courage and will power of our educated classes." This from the author of "The Goosestep" and "The Goshing."

Mr. Sinclair's only rebuke to the growing forces of Fascism in America was to alien the Epic movement behind President Roosevelt on the basis that "a half loaf is better than none." Consequently, Mr. Sinclair repeats the tragic mistake of the Social Democrats of Germany who voted for Hindenburg as "the lesser evil" and then saw the lesser evil become the greater evil when Hindenburg surrendered power to Adolf Hitler, whom the Social Democrats had professed to oppose. Yet, Mr. Sinclair, you deny being a Social-Fascist.

(To Be Ready June 1)

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ALL SAN FRANCISCO MASS. ORGANIZATIONS and Party Sections are urged to save the date of JUNE 22D, when the District Training School reception will take place at Franklin Hall, 1859 Fillmore street. Special Entertainment: Features, Plays, Skits, Music, Dancing. Dinner served, 25 Cents, from 5 p. m. on. Admission tickets 15 cents in advance—25 cents at door.

A MODEL OF A BRIDE-GROOM. A Soviet Comedy will be presented at Entertainment and Dance given by Mac-Namara (Russian) branch of the I.L.D., Saturday, June 1, at 8 p. m., at Bonita Hall, 3092 Twenty-first st. (cor. Folsom). Russian Dancing, Eats. Admission 25c.

Los Angeles

Workers forum, 230 S. Spring St., L. A. Every Sunday night—8 p.m. Admission ten cents.

ANNUAL PRESS PICNIC June 9th Royal Palms Grove, San Pedro. Let's make June 9th the biggest blow Hearst has received. RESERVE THE DAY.

NOTICE! WANTED IMMEDIATELY. Typist for Workers' School, 463 Hayes Street.

Miners Ask Vote On New Coal Pact

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 24.—Negotiations have begun between United Mine Workers of America officials and coal operators on a new agreement to replace the present agreement, expiring June 10. A half million soft coal miners are affected.

John L. Lewis, head of the U. M. W. A. has already refused the demands put forth by local unions for a six dollar a day basic pay to \$5.50. Local unions are demanding that no agreement shall be valid until approved by a referendum of all the miners.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY

Rooms for one or more students for District Training School—June 1 to July 1. Register available rooms at 37 Grove st. or 463 Hayes st.

RELIEF BANQUET

FOR Political Prisoners In Poland

Saturday June 1st, at 7:30 p. m.

Seigal's Hall, 2232 Brooklyn Ave., Admission 10c (including chance on gold watch)

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OUTING AND LAUNCH RIDE to Paradise Cove
Games, Sports, Dancing, Swimming, Skits, Moonlight Launch Ride Around the Bay
50 Cents—NOON TO MIDNIGHT
Sponsored by the American Youth Congress
Tickets at all Workers' Book Stores, or at 68 Haight street, San Francisco, and 2003 University Ave., Berkeley.
Launch leaves Crowley pier, S. F., at noon, and picks up East Bay Excursion in Oakland.



By Terry Casey.

FROM OUR BRITISH AGENT
A worker was wrought up over all the noise and ballyhoo for George V. "Why," said he, "for those twenty-five years he's been nothing but a barefaced scoundrel."

"You must mean the Prince of Wales," said his mate. "George, he's got a beard."

The continuance of the "purses" in Naziland is indicated in this story from "Laughter In Hell," which is now going the rounds.

As premiums to boost sales, the Manoli Cigarette Company of Germany includes in each cigarette package a little picture of some prominent Nazi leader or official.

Now the exultant lesser Storm Troopers have invented a new game.

Before slipping a picture out of a freshly opened package, the owner calls out "Alive or Dead?" Whoever guesses correctly gets the picture—and a cigarette.

BRIGHT SAYINGS OF CHILDREN

"Capitalism is not only NOT dying; it is, perhaps more solidly established than it has ever been for a hundred years, and nowhere is it more solidly established than in the Zion of all such evangelists, to wit, Russia."

—H. L. Mencken.

In Washington, FERA workers are rattling stones in tin cans in an effort to scare away the flocks of starlings that nest in the caves of the Capitol.

Why not rich-and-speakers from the Senate chambers and gas them out?

They are considered a nuisance because their chirping is so loud it annoys the legislators. The senators don't mind the fact that the starlings can make more noise longer. It's a matter of professional jealousy. The feathered nuisances don't have to face any constituency, and so enjoy an unfair advantage.

"The Government of the United States has shown a proper and generous regard for the sacrifice and patriotism of all the four and three quarter million men who were in uniform," declared Roosevelt in vetoing the soldiers' bonus.

Included in this veto, the closing down of hospitals and the cutting off of tens of thousands of men.

In men with these sound and sane principles, more benefits have been provided for the veterans. These special privileges include the best corners on which to sell pencils.

"It is not better to treat every able-bodied American alike and to convert the great relief program aimed at this Congress in a spirit of equality to all," Roosevelt continued. "This applies to every other unit of government from the county to the nation."

Well! Let's put all the high salaried faddists out of the offices—and put the unemployed, vets and otherwise in their places. Nothing could be fairer than putting the FERA shovels in new hands, and the government jobs in calloused hands. When may we expect you, F. D. R., to swap your \$75,000 a year chair with a veteran's head-of-the-soupline position?

Roosevelt said those who shied in the face of America here and abroad, in uniform and out; I am thinking of the widows and orphans of all of them; I am thinking of five millions of Americans, who, with their families, are today in dire need, etc."

"But what I am thinking and not saying," he should have added, "is of another war, and of the fact that human life is the cheapest thing in the world and I have been told to keep the price stabilized and not increased!"

Retail Clerks In Drive to Increase Union Membership

SAN DIEGO, Calif., May 27.—The Retail Clerks Association (AFL) is conducting a general membership drive here. An organizer has been placed in the field and extensive efforts to gain recruits will be made. Jack Russell, a resident of this city, will become the organizer. In San Pedro he is credited with having organized the union clerks 100 per cent. Organized labor should make every effort to support the clerks.

Whenever you go into a store ask for a union clerk. Patronize only union stores. If you have to buy something from a non-union clerk, try to get him to join the union. This way, with our help the Retail Clerks local will grow and another strong link will be forged to strengthen the mighty chain of organized labor.



ONE BORN EVERY MINUTE.

San Francisco's leading institution of learning, the Bootleg Spillman Tabernacle, leaflets as follows: "Can the Spirits of the Dead Talk With the Living?" ... 50 Thrilling Screen Pictures with the Lecture ... Frog Spirits Working Miracles on Earth Now ... Great Sign Plague Starting ... You will miss something if you fail to hear this lecture. You bet.

SERA MOVIE PROJECT FAKERY.

A Los Angeles correspondent reports on the SERA movie project there: "The Hollywood producers have a nice little setup down here. It seems that there were a lot of Hollywood cameramen, sound technicians, electricians and other workers who were unemployed and on relief. 'So the generous Hollywood producers arranged a SERA project that works like this: The workers are employed by the local relief administration to make movies and stills of the various relief activities in L. A. County, at the regular professional wage of \$1 a hour. (The American Society of Cinematographers, for instance, when the unions were busted here, specified a minimum wage of \$3 per hour for any technicians. But that was easily gotten around—the producers destroyed it.)

"For every dollar the relief authorities spend, the PRODUCERS match it with film, developing, printing, or what have you. That's fine—but here's the catch: NOT ONE FOOT OF FILM MAY BE RELEASED UNTIL THEY OKAY IT."

"So Hollywood's slimy fingers control ALL distribution of films, except workers' films. The only answer is MORE WORKERS' FILMS."

MAE WEST'S LATEST
This is the first and last time we are going to review a Mae West film, although we shall probably talk about the lady now and then, she being an old American institution, like the Redwoods.

"Goin' To Town" (Warfield) is a considerable improvement on Mae's recent pictures, but very much the same at the bottom. Mae is again a chamberpot lovin' lady. Only this time, under the influence of the "cleansing" in the films, all her customs, praiseworthy and permanent, connubial love. And despite the fact that this odd and unnecessary inducement is offered during the first hundred feet of film, the picture is amusing. There are only a few moments when the fairytale atmosphere becomes too real, and the bits are of course unpleasant.

Mae is still without competition in the field of cinematic unrestrained sex. This, and her wisecracking talents, plus a deft direction, probably account for her popularity. The only ingredient in this mixture is the occasional lull.

I can't forget how old and sloppy she seems to be underneath the layer of junk. Somehow, Mae always seems to me to be just a tired old woman, who needs a bath. Maybe that's because I've seen what she looked like in the days when she was selling raw stage stuff in New York.

If the movie producers are going to put up, at San Diego, a position, a statue representing the spirit of Hollywood, they could do worse than set up a gift cast of Mae West, queen of resurrected harlots.

"YOUTH OF MAXIM"

From a correspondent in New York comes a revealing comment on this important Soviet film, now enjoying a long run there.

"It's a fine film from every point of view. Photographically it stands with Russia's best. Shostakovitch's music is thrilling. The acting is done with artistry, and the direction couldn't be better. The film moves with excellent tempo—as good as 'CHAPAYEV' for the most part."

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"TOBACCO ROAD"—Now at the Curran, S. F., with (really) the New York actor Lester Foster of Erskine Caldwell's novel, Henry Hull. See report next issue. Cheap seat 55 cents.

"SAIORS OF CATTARO"—presented by Los Angeles Contemporary Theatre, at Musart, Pico and Figueroa, nightly except Mondays. Drama of naval mutiny during World War. Originally produced with great success by New York Theatre Union. Cheapest seats 35 cents.

"WAITING FOR LEFTY"—and "Till the Day I Die," Clifford Odets' fine plays. At the Hollywood Playhouse, 1735 N. Vine St., 8:30 curtain. Seats 40 cents if you have Western Worker ad. Production of the Hollywood New Theatre Groups, in association with the New Theatre League. "Waiting for Lefty" is the Broadway hit about the New York taxi strike.

OUR MOVIE CONTEST

has expanded to cover the stage too.

B. W. wins this week with a report on the play "Tobacco Road," to be published in our next issue, due to lack of space. B. W. should notice this column what he wants from 37 Grove Street Book Shop as his (or her) reward. We recommend NEW THEATRE magazine, NEW MASSES, and Potemkin's "EYES OF THE MOVIE."

Arizona Worker Is Jailed—He Stole To Feed His Family

PHOENIX, Ariz., May 23.—Driven to desperation by the hunger of his young wife and their four months old baby, W. R. Cornelius stole an engine and sold it to buy food—and the capitalist courts here have decreed that he must go to the penitentiary.

Cornelius has been on relief but the inadequacy of the Roosevelt relief forced him to steal to provide for his starving family. The value of the engine which he stole was estimated at \$15 but the length of this sentence was put at 18 months.

Nazis Oust Reporter

BERLIN, May 27.—Another reporter has been ordered to leave Germany because he did not find life under the Nazis all it was cracked up to be. Edward Bohren, Berlin correspondent of the National Zeitung of Basel, Switzerland, was ordered to leave Germany within twenty-four hours, when articles he wrote depicted the Nazi officials.

For The Working Woman

By Lou.

CUCUMBER.

"Did You Know—that you should not soak a cucumber in salt water before peeling it to freshen it in cold water while and unpeeled for a few minutes and then to slice it unpeeled gives it a nut flavor, leaves it rich in vitamins, less acid, and makes it easier to digest?"

MEAT.

"That—if you wish to keep meat over night and have no ice box, it is wise to put it in a bowl and cover it generously with salt. Then put the thin paper that usually comes with it on top firmly and it will keep fresh and not get strong, for a number of hours?"

ORANGE JUICE.

"That—the juice of an orange in a glass of milk makes it taste better and stay down easier for a baby (or a grownup for that matter) with a cold or an upset stomach?"

CANNED VEGETABLES.

"That—vegetables in cans, whether spinach, peas, or beans, lose the canned taste they invariably have if you drain the water off (into a bowl of soup), rinse, and drain again, add 1/2 teaspoon of lemon juice, salt and pepper?"

BEANS.

"That—leftover beans (dry beans) whether brown, white, baked, or canned; mashed, seasoned with a little chopped onions (or better yet onion tops)—added to tomato puree, juice, or tomato sauce, makes a filling, good soup? Fine for children at lunch time."

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CHAIN LETTER HYSTERIA

At a time when the American people are faced with the most serious problems that ever confronted a civilization, the post office becomes swamped with a tide of nonsense letters that threatens to break its back. The "get rich quick" philosophy injected into the popular mind during the expansive heyday of American Capitalism now leaps into action at any prospect, however crazy. And the vast army of unemployed stock salesmen and fly-by-night promoters quickly perceive another "Sucker-racket" out of which to make easy money without work.

There is a definite psychology to gambling. The more desperate, miserable and poverty-stricken a country or civilization becomes, the more intensely does gambling rage amidst its social life. China, for generations, has been known as the great gambling nation, until superficial observers have come to accept it as a characteristic of the Chinese race. True, the lure of chance has gripped both the embroidered, useless Mandarins and the poorest starving coolies.

The poor gamble out of desperation. The rich gamble out of boredom from their parasitic idleness.

The most uninformed observer will admit the immense increase of gambling in the United States since the country began to sink into the decay and degeneration of depression.

WHAT ABOUT THE BONUS?

Many veterans, when they heard the Communist Party was opposing that Patman Bonus bill, said, "My God! You Communists are against everything."

One veteran remarked: "We don't care how we get it, just so we get it."

Let it be clear that the Communist Party does not oppose payment of the bonus. On the contrary, it has given practical support at all times to this just demand of the veterans.

But the Communist Party means PAYMENT of the bonus and not some deceitful evasion. We do not approve of the government's paying off the veterans in United Cigar Store coupons, which is what the Patman bill amounts to.

It is a pretty difficult task for the exploiting owners of America to suck any more blood out of the dry bones of the American working class. They have them pretty well pauperized as it is. Consequently, if the bonus is paid it will have to come out of the pockets of the rich. The Patman Bill is an inflationary measure, designed by the rich to get out of having to pay the bonus. It means running off a lot of watered down currency on a printing press if it would rapidly start to lose its value before the ink was dry.

The Communist Party firmly contends that the bonus must be paid by taxation or assessment of the wealthy parasites who profited billions out of the World War.

A second bonus march is in process of formation. The veterans will make a sad mistake if they waste all their mass pressure demanding passage of the Patman bill.

WHY IS HEARST SUCH A DRIVELING COWARD?

Why is Hearst such a driveling coward? This question is probably in the minds of millions of American readers. Why are all the wealthy parasites frothing in such abject terror at the very mention of Communism?

You have possibly seen our headquarters. Certainly nothing magnificent as compared to the mighty skyscrapers of the terrified. Countless hundreds of police raids throughout the nation have revealed that we possess not so much as a sling shot with which to storm their fortresses.

Yet they possess tanks and machine guns no end. Their mercenary army boasts that it could exterminate the entire population in a few weeks. They control all the money in the country. They own all the buildings and all the ground that they're standing on.

What in the devil are they trembling about?

THEY ARE AFRAID OF YOU.

They are afraid of us. They are afraid of you and what we are telling you. They don't want you to hear what we have to say. Certainly Mr. Hearst, lounging in his fabulous San Simeon palace is somewhat ridiculous when he uses the editorial "WE" in addressing you in his newspapers. And Mr. Hearst knows it. So do all these bombastic parasites realize it.

They realize the insecurity and senselessness of their position. They are bombarding the American people with high sounding phrases of "patriotism" and "Americanism" and "freedom" and "democracy." Yet they know full well there is no more democracy in America than there is in one of Mr. Hearst's printing plants. They haven't an argument nor a fragment of logic with which to defend themselves.

What we are trying to tell you is that this America they talk so much about is YOURS. It belongs to you. You built it and you do all the work in it. TAKE IT. Why should it exist as the private estate of a handful of depraved parasites like Hearst. The land and the industries can already produce ten times more than enough to supply the needs of the population. Yet year after year, half the population goes without, suffers untold brain torture and worry trying to make ends meet.

This is the kind of cold logic that makes Hearst and his like tremble in their boots.

They know that even their mercenary army is recruited out of the poor. They're afraid of their own shadow. Every time an automobile backfires on the Coast highway, William Randolph Hearst jumps out of his skin, thinking you are on your way up there to bounce him in a blanket.

He has just finished publishing an elegantly printed pamphlet imploring you to have nothing to do with us—telling you we are a bunch of bearded foreigners intent upon plunging you into misery and hunger.

Why should we want to do what Mr. Hearst and his tribe have already accomplished?

As for "bearded foreigners," come around to our meetings sometime. Visit us in our headquarters. You will find we are the guys you used to go to grammar school with.

"If He Won't Take Low Wages We'll Kick Him Off Relief"



A Short Story

One Night In Centralia

By Leon McCauley and James Kilrairie.

On the train Steve and I met three other jacks who were shipping to the same camp. It was November 11, 1919. Steve and these guys talked all day about the organization. They were all Wobblies. I was only 16, almost too young to understand what it was all about, but I listened when a little guy called Ed began to rave.

"Don't let it get you, Ed," Steve remarked. He said that several times.

Early in the evening, when we were nearing Centralia, the train stopped. A jack got on and started talking to the conductor.

"All hell's broke loose up at Centralia!"

"What the natives have gone crazy. Half of them don't know what it's all about, but they're looking for Wobblies. It's a tough spot to be in."

The jack saw us. "Hello, Steve," he called.

"Hello, Frank. What's up?"

"The Legion tried to raid the Hall today. There was a lot of shooting, and somebody got killed. Where are you coming?"

"Chance at Centralia for Aberdeen."

This Frank was another Wobbly. "Don't let them know you're a Wobbly in that town today. It's a wild mob, howling for blood. I walked out and got this train because I want to let Seattle know what happened."

"How did it start?" asked Steve. "Well, a few days ago the Wobblies got tipped off that the Hall would be raided on Armistice day. They asked the chief of police what he would do. He said, 'Nothing.' Then they asked their lawyer what they could do. That was legal and he said they had every right in the world to protect their property."

"When the raid came off I was standing on the corner. They had a long rope in the parade. Somebody yelled, 'Go get 'em!'"

Everybody ran for the Hall. Then the shooting started and the town went wild."

Frank told the other Wobblies to put their cards away and asked if they had any supplies on them. It wouldn't do them or the Organization any good to have the mob find the stuff. Steve said his supplies were in his pack in the baggage car. The Wobblies all put their cards in their boots. Steve looked at me.

"Well, what do you think of it, kid? What will you do when you get there?"

"Nothing. I don't know much about it. I wouldn't say much. The Wobblies were pretty quiet. They looked awfully mad. I guess they knew what a mob was and were doing a lot of thinking, but it didn't mean much to me."

When we came to Centralia, we found a lot of men on the depot platform. All had guns. They were surrounding a big guy.

"Who are you?" they demanded. "Are you a Wobbly?"

Then they saw us and rushed over.

One grabbed me. "Where did you come from?" He went through my pockets and found a red notebook, in which I kept my time. He shouted, "What's this?" Two more guys grabbed me. I told the first guy to look at it. He said, "It's only a notebook." Then they all said it was a good thing I wasn't a Wobbly.

They went back to the big guy. Some sap put his hands in the guy's pocket. The big guy shoved him against a window. Three more guys ran up and held their guns against the big guy. He said, "Who the hell are you guys, anyway?"

A leader spoke up. "Were looking for Wobblies."

"I am a camp foreman, not a Wobbly, and I'm going back to the train."

The depot agent walked over. "That's right. I know this guy. He runs a camp up here."

"Gray's Harbor," Steve said. "We change here."

The leader said: "Your train leaves at eleven. We'll see that you don't leave the depot till then."

They locked us into the smoking room. It was packed. Passengers and bums were staring at one another, wondering what it was all about.

"Don't make any cracks," Steve said. "They'll have a stool-pigeon planted here. A well-dressed guy tonight a fat cigar. He squawled, 'And this is a free country! They push me around like a criminal. What the hell is it all about, anyway?'"

Guns came, they all got guns. They stuck them into your ribs and holter. Are you a Wobbly? I never heard of one before. They don't get away with this stuff back East, I tell you."

Two bums were grumbling near us. "I was flopped in a boxcar near the mill when twenty of them came in, hollering at once 'Where's your card? All you bums are Wobblies. Beat him up, he's only a lousy bum! They were all coming guys, with everything from B.B. guns to muzzle loaders. They brought me up here. And I'm gonna to flop. He spread a news paper on the floor."

The other bum yawned. "Let the mob howl. They took me out of an old box car and put me in a wagon depot. Give me a cigar, will you, Ed?" When I handed him the muzzles, he rolled a cigarette and rumbled for a match. Then he went over to the Easterner.

"Give us a light, will you, stinky, old boy?" He took the cigar out of the Easterner's mouth and lit his cigarette.

Steve and I sat by the stove. He grinned. "Look at that grease-bail, not a worry in the world." The bum lay on his coat. He wore four shirts, one on top of the other, and a filthy pair of overalls. I could see the dirty corners of the shirts where they stuck out at the neck. He stretched and scratched himself.

"He's lousy," Steve said. "With all the water in the country, look at him. Anybody would give him a bar of soap." The bum quit scratching. He turned over and went to sleep.

Then the first bum got up and washed his socks in the drinking fountain. He hung them on the stovepipe, where they began to steam. Then he lay down again.

When the Easterner got a whiff of the socks, he almost exploded. "I'll get out of here if I do the doing!" He leapt up. Just then the door opened. "Get the depot agent!" Pretty soon the agent came in. "I'm a passenger on this line. Now what the hell is the idea of locking me in this cesspool with these cattle?"

The agent looked around. "I'll get somebody to let you out."

He was gone a long time, and when he came back, he brought a railroad bull and a guy in an army uniform. They put all of us who had tickets in the main waiting room.

I sat in a corner with the Wobblies. Ed said, "The mob rules, the dirty finks!" He kind of laughed. We all sat there for quite a while.

The lights went out. I walked to a window. Up the street I saw men running in front of automobile headlights. They looked like shadows. One dropped his gun. When he stooped to pick it up, somebody sent him sprawling. Cars raced by. I could see their lights go by. There was a lot of noise. The mob was howling. It came closer. More cars went by. swish, swish.

The strain was beginning to tell

on the Wobbs. Any minute they were likely to blow up and declare themselves. Steve was the coolest. "I'm going to see what it's all about," he said. "I think the mob has rushed the car and is going to lynch somebody." He started out the door, and we followed.

A guy hollered, "Where do you think you're going?" When he came closer, we saw he was a uniformed copper.

"What's going on?" asked Ed. The bull said, "I guess they're going to lynch a Wobbly."

Ed sneered. "And so you are hid out down here while they storm the jail, huh?"

"Dumpty," whispered Steve. "You better not leave here," the bull said. "They're looking for strangers." He shut the door and went away.

The town suddenly grew very quiet. No one spoke in the depot. I stood at the window, listening to nothing, wishing the lights would come on. It was a strange kind of quiet that hung over us.

As if everybody knew some thing hideous was going on, I got the makings from Ed and rolled a cigarette. For a long time we sat there in the dark.

At last we heard some shouts in the distance. Ed said: "I wonder who they got. From the way they howl they must be insane. The yellow bastards working in the dark like shouls!"

"Easy, Ed. Don't make any cracks."

I asked, "Why do they hate the Wobbs so, Steve?"

Steve shrugged. But Ed said, "Because they don't bootlick, that's one reason. Bootlicking is the bossier's favorite sport."

"Be careful, Ed," said Steve. "Finally the lights came on, and a minute later they brought in a Chinese. He was screaming: 'Who you? Charlie Woot! Me ketchum come town to catcher train. What the hell malata? You Wobbly, chink? Me no savvy Wobbly. You chinky, should be lunge you loose sleep.' He went up to the agent and bought a ticket."

Pretty soon about twenty guys came in. All had guns and some had pale faces. They talked very fast. They dragged him through the streets behind a car.

I cut there after he was hung to the trestle. They put the car lights on him hanging there.

I saw him sway. His face and hands were all bloody. Then while he was hanging there, they all lined up and shot at him."

The gunmen milled around the waiting room, sputtering choppy sentences.

At last a leader said: "Everybody go home. Break this up and go home. And keep your mouths shut." He saw a kid about fourteen. "I thought I told you to go home."

"Aw, I just wanted to see the fun, Art."

They had no more than gone, when the door shot open again. Six guys with lanterns in their arms came in, looking very mad. "Get the yard-master," one called to the agent. "We won't work in these yards tonight. Every time we turn around some punk shoves a rod in our back and holters. 'Here's a Wobbly.' Christ, they should know we're only rats working!" In a while the yard-master came in. A rail said some punk had just taken a shot at him. The yardmaster phoned the superintendent.

When the super came, they went into a huddle. He phoned the mayor. "Get your goddamn mob out of my freight yard, or I'll get my road bulls together and beat their heads off." He waited while the mayor's voice made squeaks on the line. "The hell it isn't your fault! You helped rile up the mad dog, and now

C. P. Appeals to Miners In UMWA

JUNE ELECTIONS SHOULD PUT RANK AND FILE IN OFFICE

NEW YORK, May 27.—The Central Committee of the Communist Party, in an appeal to the miners throughout America, calls for the election of rank and file candidates in the June elections in the United Mine workers of America locals to fight the reactionary machine of John L. Lewis, which put over the Washington trustee in the coal fields.

The Washington trustee extends the old agreement, thus continuing the conditions against which the miners are fighting. The present demands of the miners are for: (four day, fifty week and 50 cents; the right to strike without discrimination against Negro miners; against open shop and company unions; for full recognition and the right to elect pit committees and checkweighmen.

get it's loose you're crawling. Get them flayed out of my yards and keep them out. You have been raising hell on this line long enough."

Steve had been listening. He laughed a little. "Come on and eat," he said. "Two trains leave at eleven and one is ours. We just got seven minutes." In the depot restaurant we had coffee. Somehow, when we were coming out, we got separated from Ed and the other Wobbs, so we sat on the train alone.

It was the wrong train. We should have taken the Northern Pacific. Down in the yards the con let us off. Then we saw that the Northern Pacific had pulled out.

"No train until tomorrow," said Steve. "We better go back to the depot." He paused a minute.

"And so far as I'm concerned, the mob rule is over. The next guy to put a gun in my ribs gets a pole in the nose."

And just then three guys rushed around a boxcar. Even if it was pretty dark, we could make out that they all had pistols. The front one hollered: "But 'em up you guys! Who are you—Wobblies?" They were close now, so we could see they were just kids about seventeen, all excited over what they'd seen that night. We went high.

"They're Wobblies, all right!" one cried. "Give it to them!" He ran at me with his pistol high, as if he was going to beat me over the head. I stepped back. Steve moved between us. He swung once, landing on the guy's shoulder. There was a flash and a ping. A slug went through my pantleg, but I couldn't move. Steve swung again. He knocked the guy down. The guy shot from the ground. Suddenly he jumped up and ran, shouting: "My God! Let's get out of here!" The other two followed him.

For a minute Steve crouched there, staring after them. Then he turned to me. He talked real slow. "What a break! Is that boxcar open?" He didn't straighten up.

"I guess so. Are you hurt? Are you hit, Steve?"

"I had a hard time getting him into the box car because he acted as though he couldn't lift his feet. Once he got in, 'Goddam it all!' But finally I got him inside. I started asking questions. He said, 'Never mind!' as if he was very mad."

Then he started giving orders, still talking very slowly. "Prop me against the wall. Onch! There, take off this boot." He fumbled in the boot. "Close the door. Now burn this card and these two letters." I burned the stuff. In the light I could see his face all twisted up. He was looking around the boxcar. "The old home," he said, grinning and winking. And then the blaze died away.

"What's the matter, Steve. Tell me where you're hurt!"

"Listen, kid, I want you to do me a favor. And you've got to get out of here quick. If you were caught here with me, this local law would frame you in a minute. I'm all right, anyway."

"All right, Steve. What do you want?"

"Get my pack at Aberdeen with this check, and give it to the delegate at the camp. He is to have the supplies and you the rest. Beat it for the depot now and keep your mouth shut. But first a cigarette." His voice had dropped lower and lower, until I could barely hear it.

I rolled the cigarette. When I lit a match, I saw his head was hanging down. He looked up and took the cigarette.

"I could get a doctor," I said. "No. They'd frame you in a minute. Anyway, I'll be okay in the morning. Remember what I told you. Now lightail it!" He moved the cigarette in a burning curve. "So long, Steve!"

"So long, Steve!"

I went back to the depot. And the next day I got Steve's pack.

TRAVELING WITH HEADQUARTERS In The Field

By Sam Darcy

"Why don't you write a regular column for the WESTERN WORKER?" writes N. K. of San Francisco.

"Tell us what you see as you travel about."

O. K. We'll try. But let's make it collective. Write us what you see and think. Insofar as there will be room, we'll print it.

FACTS VERSUS BOMBAST

Why was no report made to the Epic Convention on the status of the organization?

Because the report wouldn't file with Sinclair's pronouncements of success.

Epic News circulation has fallen from 40,000 in January to 27,000 now. It is now losing 700 readers a week. Utopian News fell from the same figure to 11,000. Epic headquarters is over \$100,000 in debt. Most of the income is from a photo people. Very little from the general mass. About two-thirds of the Epic crowds have ceased functioning. And the display of Sinclair's autocratic control at the convention did the organization no good. Yet the Epic followers have a desperate need to struggle for improved conditions. It is up to the members of the Communist Party to establish a United Front for that purpose.

Thus in the pure scientific spirit of this capitalist analysis:

Stalin is "a leader and parasite in the centers of July." Browder is a "convict from Leavenworth Penitentiary. (They forget to say he was there for antiwar activities.) Foster is "Stalin's Own Mouthpiece" (rather flatteringly).

Chambers admitted that "the Communist Party was calling strikes on orders from Moscow." (They never heard of rank and file control.)

And so on ad nauseum! Imagine trying to bring about a change in society by fair reason or the ball box, with such people in control of the government.

CAPITALISM AND STEVEDORING

Stevedores should read this item from a local utility magazine:

The Essential Terminal in Oakland now uses two electrically-driven unloaders, each of which can suck 45 tons of copra per hour from the hold of a ship and blow it into freight cars. The two machines unload a vessel in about one-tenth of the time formerly required by hand-stevedoring methods.

That means less work and less wages. In the Soviet Union it would mean less hours, more leisure but increased wages.

THE INSIDE DOPE

On May 28th the San Francisco Industrial Association issued a Special Bulletin C-27. It consists of the "inside dope" on the Communists.

Among those listed are: Josef Stalin, Earl Browder, Wm. Foster, Elmer Hammoff, James W. Ford, Sam Darcy, William F. Dunne, Lawrence Ross, Pat Chambers, Louise Todd, etc. Naturally we blushed with pardonable pride at being included in so distinguished a list. But apparently the Association's publicity man couldn't find enough dirt about any one of these comrades. And so they

COMRADES IN PRISON

Last week we visited Tehachas State Prison. Down there they call it the "Institute for Women." But the name doesn't make the damson any brighter.

The penitentiary is located in the center of a bleak and desolate country. Even a blade of grass has a hard time of survival. You turn off at San Luis and drive for 90 miles through bare and dry mountain country. The occasional towns look as if they are crumbling to dust. The prison officials boast that they have no regular prison walls but only a high wire fence to keep the prisoners within. If any inmate did escape they would likely perish of wind, thirst, and hunger.

Yet with all that Caroline Decker, Nora Conklin and Lorne Norman are in good spirits. They sent all their numerous friends their warmest greetings. In that lonely prison, only the letters they receive from you give them cheer. So write. They are limited in their replies. But write anyway!

WORKERS' OPEN FORUM

WORKERS IN UNIFORM

Los Angeles, Calif., May 25, 1935.

Comrade Editor:

The U. S. Fleet will soon return from maneuvers in the Pacific. It will put in at many West Coast ports and the sailors and marines will have shore leave. In the past these contacts have been ignored by workers out of uniform. This is a mistake for many uniformed workers are awakening to their class position in society. Their isolation from working class activity puts them at a great disadvantage and they often do not know how to approach the revolutionary movement.

Every class-conscious worker out of uniform should feel it his responsibility to take the initiative to approach workers in uniform at every opportunity. Most of them are friendly. Workers in coast cities should not miss their chance to fraternize with sailors and marines this summer.

Comradely yours,
Serviceman.

EXPOSE HEARST

San Francisco, May 22, 1935.

Comrade Editor:

I wish to inform you that I have read W. R. Hearst on Communism and Fascism and have arrived at a decision. Here it is:

An expose of the trash and hypocrisy by this rat Hearst is necessary. I suggest that a member of the Pioneers should write the above expose, preferably about 12 years old. I also suggest that the expose be in pamphlet form, selling for a small sum.

Forward for an American—but workers' revolution.

Comradely yours,
Editor's note: Undoubtedly any member of the Young Pioneers could expose Hearst for what he is. However, the Western Worker in an early issue will treat of Hearst's so-called pamphlet on Communism and Fascism. A pamphlet entitled "Hearst, Labor's Enemy No. 1," by James Casey of the Daily Worker will be on sale at the Worker's Bookshop here early in June. It will sell for three cents.

FIGHT EXCLUSION BILL

Phoenix, Ariz., May 20, 1935.

Editor, Western Worker:

Californians should start a United Front, non-partisan attack upon the nefarious bill now in the state legislature providing for a state patrol on the state boundary to question all new comers concerning their finances and wealth before allowing them to enter the state.

Such a measure is Fascist, un-American, oppressive and unconstitutional. It increases the number of odious snoots who, as parasites, will have to be carried on the backs of taxpayers, the workers and the middle classes.

Sincerely,
G. W.

range in EMMA GOLDMAN.

And then the dirt flew.

Emma is notorious for her numerous undercover connections with men. And does the Industrial Association take advantage of that?

Their chief complaint is that Emma believes in "free love." Of course, that's not in accordance with big business men's ethics. For one thing it's unfair competition. Successful business men are notorious for what they pay for their alien loves. But it would be worth it if it were an exclusive privilege of the money aristocracy. But when every Amer-

ican can do the same and without cost, that's clearly unethical competition.

Of course Emma